

BIOGRAPHY

Bob Coward

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Bob Coward is Principal Officer of [MPR Associates](#) (MPR), an international specialty engineering and technical services company. He is responsible for all aspects of MPR performance in all engineering areas and all business sectors. His career has focused on nuclear power plant design, evaluation, and development, with specific expertise in the areas of project management, safety analysis, and design and development of new nuclear power plants. A special skill is leading multi-organization and multi-discipline teams to achieve their mission and deliver excellence with a focus on collaboration and teamwork.



During his career at MPR, he has worked on over 100 electric generating plants throughout the world, including 58 of the 65 U.S. nuclear power plant sites, as well as others in Asia, Europe and Africa.

He is recognized as a key industry leader in the safe and reliable operation of the U.S. nuclear power fleet, participating on the NEI Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee and Supplier Advisory Committee. He has also had leadership roles on the EPRI Advanced Light Water Reactor Program, the Department of Energy NP2010 Program, and led the STP 3&4 project to construct two ABWRs at the STP site in Texas. He has held significant senior advisory roles in the preparation of the Design Certification submittal for the NuScale SMR design and the ABWR Design Certification renewal.

Coward has been a member of the American Nuclear Society since 2001, where he serves on the [Nuclear Installations Safety Division](#) and the [Operations & Power Division](#).

He graduated in 1983 with honors from Duke University with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer.

[Read *Nuclear News* from July 2017 for more on Bob.](#)