

Joseph “Joe” P. Grimes
Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Tennessee Valley Authority

Joseph “Joe” P. Grimes currently serves as TVA’s executive vice president and chief nuclear officer. He has more than 30 years of experience in operations, maintenance and engineering management, as well as having supported nuclear and fossil energy generating stations across the country. His background includes station construction, initial plant operational start-up and several decades of commercial operations.

Since taking the reins as TVA’s chief nuclear officer in 2013, Grimes has led the nuclear operating team to improved performance. His fleet-wide strategy has included a focus on safety, communications, continuous improvement, regulatory standards and workforce development.

Prior to joining TVA, Grimes was senior vice president of Engineering and Technical Services for Exelon Generation. At Exelon he held leadership positions at the plant, regional and corporate fleet levels. In addition, at Exelon Nuclear, Grimes held a variety of positions including senior vice president, Mid-Atlantic Operations and site vice president at Peach Bottom Nuclear Station.

A lifelong learner with a passion for continuous improvement and commitment to excellence, Grimes is recognized throughout the nuclear power industry for his unique combination of high technical skill and outstanding leadership ability. Throughout his career, he has focused on the people who work with and for him, and his personal touch has helped them maximize their contributions to individual team and organizational excellence.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Drexel University and master’s from St. Joseph’s University. Grimes also attended the Kellogg Graduate School in executive development.