

Michael D. Skaggs
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Mike Skaggs, who has over 25 years of leadership experience in the utility industry, 22 of those years at TVA, currently serves as TVA's senior vice president of Operations & Construction at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. In this position, Skaggs provides oversight of the completion, integration, startup, and power ascension testing of Unit 2 – the nation's first new nuclear generation of the 21st century.

Skaggs took on his current oversight responsibilities in late 2015 with the start of the Watts Bar Unit 2 power ascension testing program. The previous two years, he was responsible for the general management of the Watts Bar site, including operational activities for Unit 1 and the construction, licensing, and initial fuel load of Unit 2. Prior to assuming management of Watts Bar operations and construction in 2013, Skaggs served as senior vice president of Nuclear Construction, with responsibility for Watts Bar Unit 2, Bellefonte, and the Sequoyah Unit 2 steam generator replacement project.

In addition to leading the completion effort of Watts Bar Unit 2, Skaggs' experience includes the completion and startup of Watts Bar Unit 1; the recovery of Browns Ferry Unit 1 to return that site to full, three-unit operation; and successfully managing two steam generator replacement projects. He has held top management posts at each of the company's three operating nuclear plants and led a number of initiatives across the nuclear fleet that resulted in improved operational performance, organizational alignment, and cultural health.

A registered professional engineer, Skaggs holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University, in Lubbock, Texas, and earned a senior reactor certification at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant.