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Mr. Kenny is the Director for Marine Engineering within the Naval Systems Engineering Directorate of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). He is the NAVSEA technical authority Deputy Warranting Officer and Technical Domain Manager for Marine Engineering, where he sets and maintains Marine Engineering technical authority policy and procedures. As the Marine Engineering Competency Domain Manager in the NAVSEA Research and Systems Engineering Competency, Mr. Kenny provides leadership and guidance of technical authority execution, stewardship, business operation and workforce talent management for the Marine Engineering Competency.

Mr. Kenny grew up in Manistee, Michigan and is a 1982 graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology with a bachelor's of science degree in ocean engineering. Upon graduation, he began his career at Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a Fluid Systems and Mechanical Division Engineer. In 1988, Mr. Kenny was promoted to Supervisory Nuclear Engineer in the Reactor Engineering Division. He was responsible for the technical direction and execution of maintenance associated with major reactor plant components.

In 1993, Mr. Kenny was promoted to the division head level as the Head of the Fluid Systems and Mechanical Division where he was directly responsible for the technical direction and execution of all primary, secondary, and auxiliary reactor plant maintenance. In 1995, Mr. Kenny was promoted to the position of Project Superintendent for the USS George Washington (CVN-73) Planned Incremental Availability.

In 1996, Mr. Kenny was promoted to the position of the Head Nuclear Engineer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. In 1999, Mr. Kenny was assigned as Head of the Nuclear Refueling Engineering Division, where he was directly responsible for executing all aspects of Norfolk Naval Shipyard's Reactor Servicing Program and for the development of standard processes and products for all USS OHIO Class reactor servicing operations.

In 2001, Mr. Kenny completed all requirements for and was awarded a master's of science in systems management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

In 2004, Mr. Kenny was selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service and assigned as the Nuclear Engineering and Planning Manager at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. As Nuclear Engineering and Planning Manager, he was the shipyard's senior civilian and was responsible for all aspects of naval nuclear work at the Shipyard. He served in this position for 10 years.

In 2014, Mr. Kenny returned to Norfolk Naval Shipyard as the Nuclear Engineering and Planning Manager. In this position he served as the shipyard's senior civilian and was responsible for all aspects of naval nuclear work at the Shipyard and its remote locations. He served in this position for over 3 years.

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