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Heidi Sheridan holds a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics from Northwestern University, a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering and Sciences from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and is also a graduate of the Bettis Reactor Engineering School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1991 she began her career as a commissioned U.S. Naval officer and has 27 years of program and technical management in the Naval Reactors program.

The initial years of her naval career were spent in the Nuclear Technology Division of Naval Reactors overseeing environmental, safety and health programs including environment clean-up operations at four Naval Reactors Department of Energy facilities and Moored Training Ship facility. She coordinated both federal and state regulatory interactions, reports and permits and the physical execution of remediation work. In June 1998, she became the Assistant Program Manager in charge of operations at Naval Reactors' two land-based prototype reactors in New York and the inactivation and lay up of the three former prototypes Idaho. In this position she integrated the multiple mission needs including naval nuclear operator training, prototype testing and propulsion plant maintenance. She executed several major availabilities utilizing private and Naval shipyards to perform complex radiological work. January 2005, she moved from program to technical management and became the Manager of the Secondary Components in the Reactor Plant Components division where she supported the design, qualification, operations and maintenance of submarine and aircraft carrier propulsion plant equipment including the new FORD Class carrier. January 2009, she became the Manager of the Standard Navy Valve group where she oversaw the technical support of hundreds of valve design used in naval nuclear propulsion plants and other platforms. Across her career, she has served in several internal and cross organizational task forces, from budget and work prioritization, next generation training and the carrier life cycle maintenance.

In February 2016 she was selected by the Director of Naval Reactors to be the Director of Reactor Plant Components and Auxiliary Equipment Division where she is responsible for the design, maintenance, and support of all nuclear valves, actuators and auxiliary equipment in Navy nuclear ships.