

Biography of Jean-Luc LACHAUME (December 2018)

Born on 25th June 1959 in Limoges, Jean-Luc Lachaume graduated as an Engineer from the French Naval Academy and as a Nuclear Engineer from the EAMEA (Military Nuclear Energy Applications Engineering School).

Having entered the Naval Academy in 1980, he began his career in the French Navy as Naval Officer. Between 1983 and 1991 he performed several tours of duty on the submarines Agosta, Diane, L'Inflexible and Le Terrible. He subsequently occupied a position of expert at the Nuclear Security Office of the Naval Staff in Paris from 1992 to 1998.

In 1998 he integrated the body of civil administrators and joined ASN (Autorité de Sûreté Nucléaire – the French nuclear regulator) to take charge of a sub-directorate tasked with crisis management, inspection organisation and the environment. In 2004 he was appointed Deputy Director-General, chiefly responsible for oversight of the nuclear installations operated by Areva, the CEA and ANDRA, and of small-scale medical and industrial nuclear activities. Jean-Luc Lachaume was highly involved in international activities and was the French representative in the Commission on Safety Standards (CSS) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) during many years. From 2014 to 2017 he also chaired the Regulatory Cooperation Forum, tasked with assisting the nuclear regulators of countries starting a nuclear power production programme.

In 2017 he joined the French Institute for Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN) as Director Delegate for crisis management, reporting to the Director-General. He was responsible more specifically for coordinating crisis management preparedness activities within IRSN.

Further to a proposal from the President of the National Assembly, Jean-Luc Lachaume was appointed ASN Commissioner for a six-year term by decree of the President of the Republic on the 21st of December 2018.