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Vice President and General Manager of Newport News Nuclear, Inc.
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President and General Manager AREVA Newport News, LLC
AREVA Newport News, Rebirth of Heavy Component Manufacturing in the US

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[Directions](#)

J. D. Stitzel



Stitzel began his career at Newport News in 1966 and has held various management positions in Supply Change Management, Manufacturing and Operations, Nuclear Engineering and Programs Division. His responsibilities included the following: Aircraft Carrier Business Manager, Submarine Business Manager, Submarine Cost Reduction Project Manager, Submarine Project Manager, Washington D.C. Operations Manager, Field Office Business Manager, (Washington, D.C., San Diego, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Pearl Harbor). He managed business development for the West Coast Operations (San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle) before returning to Newport News to assume responsibilities as Program Manager, Department of Energy Nuclear Programs. Stitzel assumed the responsibilities for Program Operations in the 21st Century Aircraft Carrier Program (CVN 21) in 1999 and remained in this position until his appointment to Program Operations for the Navy Programs Division in 2002. Stitzel was named Vice President and General Manager of Newport News Nuclear, Inc. in 2007 and President of Newport News Industrial Corp. in 2008.

Stitzel is on the staff of and reports directly to the Vice President and General Manager of Northrop Grumman Newport News. He co-chairs the Sector Technology Council and is a member of the Growth Council and the Communications Council's at the Newport News Operations. Stitzel is responsible for the Northrop Grumman/Virginia Tech Technology Initiative located on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA.

Doug currently serves on the Board of Directors for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, located in Aiken, SC and a member of the board for CHN, LLC in Englewood, CO. He chairs board committees and assessment teams including; Nuclear Operations Assessment and Compliance.

Prior to joining Newport News, Stitzel was in the United States Army stationed in Wurtzburg, Germany and Nancy, France. He was responsible for troop, material and equipment removal from France to the European theater due to the withdrawal of France from NATO.

Stitzel holds a BS in Governmental Administration, a MS in Public Administration and a MS in Communications.

Chris Levesque



Chris Levesque is the President and General Manager of AREVA Newport News, LLC, AREVA's joint venture heavy manufacturing business with Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. His responsibilities include the construction, startup and operation of the Newport News, VA facility. Previously, he was Vice President of Manufacturing, Equipment Sector U.S. where he led the facility site selection process for AREVA, as well as leading the joint venture negotiation with Northrop Grumman.

Prior to joining AREVA in 2005, Chris was the Manager of Engineering and Manufacturing at Westinghouse's component manufacturing facility in Newington, N.H. Chris holds graduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Naval Engineering from M.I.T. and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of New Hampshire and a certified Project Management Professional.

TIMES:

- Social: 5:30 PM
- Dinner: 6:15 PM
- Talk: 7:00 PM
- On the road by 8:00 PM

COST: \$30 (Students \$10) - Cash Bar