

Kent Fortenberry

Chief Operating Officer



Kent Fortenberry is UCOR's Chief Operating Officer. In this role, he oversees the site integration and cleanup, waste operations and logistics, nuclear operations, enterprise project management, and operational excellence teams. Prior to moving to this position, Kent served as the company's Chief Regulatory Officer, where he was responsible for leading the company's relationships with state and federal regulators. Kent has 38 years of experience in the design, licensing, operation, and safety oversight of both government and commercial nuclear facilities.

While serving as Savannah River Remediation's (SRR) Chief Engineer, Kent managed, planned, and integrated all engineering services required to support the liquid waste work scope. He implemented and managed programs for systems engineering, configuration management, commercial grade detection, nuclear safety, and fire protection. He provided engineering for operations support, including surveillance, maintenance, and system modifications and upgrades. Kent provided engineering leadership for SRR projects, supported projects with engineering staff and functional support, and served as SRR's Waste Disposal Authority.

Education

Bachelor of Science

Nuclear Engineering
Mississippi State University

Master of Science

Nuclear Engineering
University of Virginia

Previous Positions

Chief Engineer

Savannah River Remediation LLC
AECOM

Chief Engineer

B&W Conversion Services LLC
AECOM

Vice President

High-Level Waste Integration
AECOM

Senior Technical Director

Parsons Corporation

Technical Director

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Shift Supervisor

Entergy Corporation, Grand Gulf Nuclear
Generating Station

Design Engineer

Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory

Kent started his career as a nuclear propulsion design engineer at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. He moved into commercial nuclear power with the Entergy Corporation, where he built a solid base of expertise, including plant operations as a licensed Senior Reactor Operator, nuclear fuels engineering, reactor physics, safety analysis, and licensing.

He previously worked for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), where he played a significant role as that agency's Technical Director. In this position, Kent provided nuclear safety oversight of design, construction, operation, deactivation, and research and development activities throughout both the Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management and the National Nuclear Security Administration complexes.

After 16 years with the DNFSB, Kent joined the Parsons Corporation to provide technical services related to the design and construction of uranium processing and enrichment, and high-level radioactive liquid waste treatment facilities. During this time, he also directed Parsons' engineering activities at the DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory.

Kent joined AECOM in 2009, working on radioactive waste missions at both Hanford and Savannah River Site. In addition, he worked on corporate performance assurance and oversight to support safe and effective execution of nuclear activities across the DOE complex and abroad.

From 2012 to 2014, Kent served as Chief Engineer for the B&W Conversion Services DUF6 Project. He was responsible for engineering and nuclear safety. He achieved significant increases in sustainable processing rates and availability by executing design and nuclear safety basis improvements.