

Victor H. Reis

Vic Reis retired from the Department of Energy in March of 2017. He is best known as the architect and original sponsor of the U.S. nuclear Science Based Stockpile Stewardship Program and its associated Accelerated Strategic Computing Initiative.

Reis began his career as a research scientist at NASA Ames Research Center and continued at the GM Defense Research Labs, the Avco Everett Research Lab and was a senior staff member at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory. He was Assistant Director for National Security and Space in the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of President, senior vice president for strategic planning at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), deputy director and director of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA); and subsequently Director of Defense Research and Engineering at the U.S. Department of Defense (DDR&E). Reis served as Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs in the U.S. Department of Energy from 1993 to 1999, where he led the development of the DOE's Science Based Stockpile Stewardship Program. From 2005 until his retirement Reis served as senior advisor to the Secretary and Undersecretaries at the DOE. He was also a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of the U.S. Strategic Command, the Director of Central Intelligence S&T Advisory Group, the Argonne National Laboratory Board of Governors and numerous other government and laboratory advisory groups and task forces.

He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (B.M.E), Yale University (M.Eng) and Princeton University (PhD), all in mechanical engineering. Among his awards are two DoD Distinguished Public Service Medals, the DOE James Schlesinger Award, the John S. Foster Jr Medal and an honorary medal from the French Atomic Energy Agency (CEA).