

Obituaries

Mr. Howard K. Shapar, NEA Director-General, 1982-1988



Mr. Howard K. Shapar, former Executive Legal Director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and former NEA Director-General, died on 15 March 2009 in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Shapar graduated from Amherst College as valedictorian in 1947 and from Yale Law School in 1950. He began working for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in Los Alamos, NM, and moved to Washington in 1962 to become the AEC's Assistant General Counsel for Licensing and Regulation. He played a key role in the 1970s in helping to establish an independent regulatory body in the United States by drafting the legislation that split the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) into the Energy Research and Development Administration and the NRC. He subsequently became the Executive Legal Director of the NRC. In 1982, he was nominated Director-General of the NEA and served in this function until 1988. He returned to Washington in 1988 to join Shaw Pittman, a leading nuclear law firm, and Washington International Energy Group. He joined Egan, Fitzpatrick and Malsch in 2001 and retired in 2003. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the NRC. Mr. Shapar was a founder and past president of the International Nuclear Law Association.

Family members that survive him include his wife of 31 years, Henriette A.E. van Gerrevinck Shapar, and two children from his first marriage, Kristina and Stephen Shapar.

Dr. Kunihiko Uematsu, NEA Director-General, 1988-1995

Dr. Kunihiko Uematsu, senior advisor to the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF) and former NEA Director-General, passed away on 28 April 2009 in Tokyo. He was 77 years old.

Dr. Uematsu obtained his doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1961. Thereafter, he joined the Nuclear Fuel Corporation [predecessor to the Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation (PNC)], and from 1996 to 1998 he served as Vice-President of PNC. He held the post of NEA Director-General from 1988 to 1995.

He was a member of the Standing Advisory Group on Nuclear Energy at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) from 2000 to 2006, and became a member of the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC) of the US Department of Energy (DOE) in 2008. In 2007, he received the *Ordre national du Mérite (Officier)* for distinguished achievement from the French government.

Both Mr. Shapar and Dr. Uematsu will be greatly missed by their families, colleagues and friends.

