

## **“Purchasing/Material Management”**

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### **Biography**

Dale Hockenberry assumed the role of the Director of Materials, Purchasing, and Contracts for Entergy Operations, Inc. in 2007 and is responsible for all aspects of materials management and procurement of goods and services in support of a fleet of eleven nuclear power plants at nine sites.

In this capacity, he is responsible for consolidation of all fleet supply chain operations, which included implementation of centralized procurement and commercial grade dedication departments, Indus Asset Suite deployment at all locations, as well as a significant workforce restructuring effort.

Prior to his current role, he was the Manager of Materials, Purchasing, and Contracts at Entergy's Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station since 1999. He held various contract and purchasing management roles during his tenure at Vermont Yankee including serving as the Project Manager for Indus Asset Suite implementation at the station in 2006.

Hockenberry is a retired Commander in the Navy Supply Corps, having served 22 years in Navy and Joint Service Command supply and logistical assignments, including Supply Officer aboard USS Halsey (CG-23), and various contract management, transportation and supply support assignments. He received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Services Commendation Medal during his tenure.

Hockenberry has a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. He also completed numerous Department of Defense contracts and procurement related courses, culminating in a Professional Designation in Contract Management from the Army Logistics Management Center in Fort Lee, VA.

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### **Abstract**

Over the past five years, Entergy Nuclear Supply Chain has been transformed from a collection of eleven nuclear power plants and two regional corporate offices that operated to a large extent

independently of one another, to a cohesive and fully integrated operation, that has resulted in improved supply chain support, using significantly less resources. This was accomplished during a very challenging period of time that saw unprecedented turnover from personnel retirements. This presentation will give insights as to how this was accomplished, some fundamental aspects and philosophies to continuously improve the organization and some key strategic initiatives currently being worked and their effect on the overall organization.