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Speaker Biography

Kirk Kelhofer

Kirk Kelhofer is President of Crane Nuclear, Inc., a leading supplier to the nuclear industry of valves, valve parts, valve testing products and technologies, and valve services. Kirk was appointed to this position in October of 1999. He is responsible for Crane Nuclear, Inc.'s product development, engineering, manufacturing, operations, quality assurance, marketing, sales, information systems, finance and human resources functions.

Kirk celebrated his 16th anniversary with the company this year. He began his career with Westinghouse in May of 1982 as a marketing trainee and subsequently took on progressive roles in Westinghouse leading to a management position in 1988. When the Westinghouse Nuclear Services division acquired the Henze MOVATS nuclear operations in January of 1991, Kirk played a leading role in facilitating the acquisition, and transferred to the acquired subsidiary company, which was renamed ITI MOVATS. Kirk had various management assignments in ITI MOVATS in sales and marketing, engineering and manufacturing and operations. He was appointed managing director of the ITI MOVATS valve operations in 1996. In April 1997, the ITI MOVATS nuclear valve operations was acquired by Crane Co., and combined with Crane's existing Crane Valve Nuclear Operations to form Crane Nuclear, Inc. Kirk was named the vice president & general manager of Crane Nuclear, Inc. with responsibility for valves, valve parts, valve testing products and technologies, and valve services with operations in Kennesaw, Georgia and Bolingbrook, Illinois.

In October of 1999, Kirk was appointed President of Crane Nuclear, Inc., and Crane Valve Services with additional operations in Houston, Texas, Benicia, California, and Thorofare, New Jersey. The Benicia, Thorofare and Houston operations were divested by Crane in 2007, 2008 and 2012 respectively.

Kirk earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University with majors in chemistry and economics. He serves on the Crane Nuclear, Inc. Board of Directors and the USA Supply Chain Strategy Committee.

Kirk resides in the Atlanta suburbs and has three children.