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Susan Clark Biography

Susan Clark started her career with the U.S. export control system in 1969 when she began her government career with the Department of Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, concentrating on the Foreign Military Sales Program. In the early 70's she worked for Navy International Program Office, then a four person operation, and had oversight of all Department of Commerce cases.

After a tour in Germany with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, she returned in 1989 to the U.S. and joined the Department of State, Office of Munitions Control. Over the next ten years she became a senior analyst acquiring expertise in all USML categories. Senior State Department officials, Congressional staffers and foreign government officials as well as the defense industry representatives relied heavily upon her expertise.

Ms. Clark joined the Department of Defense, Defense Technology Security Administration in 1999. For nearly two years, she adjudicated all export compliance cases reviewed by DoD. Ms. Clark returned to State Department in March 2001, where she became Division Chief for Night Vision, Vehicles & Vessels. At that time, she created and oversaw a management program for all Operation Enduring Freedom exports. Shortly thereafter she was selected as Special Advisor for the Director under the Defense Technology Security Initiative (DTSI). Although this government initiative was short lived due to requirements levied on defense companies, several aircraft programs benefited from her extensive expertise in the creation of the Joint Strike Fighter Global Project Authorization and the European Fighter Multiple Program Authorization. Ms. Clark also authored the largest Brokering Authorization --the British Air Tanker Program.

During the major reorganization of the Office of Defense Trade Controls to a Directorate, Ms. Clark was reassigned to the Office of Compliance as Deputy Director. Initially, she used her managerial skills to structure and implement new office procedures and hiring of staff. She travelled extensively to U.S. and foreign defense industry and government locations to create and implement compliance programs. She worked closely with U.S. defense attorneys as an expert witness involving AECA export violations.

Due to extensive growth in the caseload of the Office of Licensing, in 2005 Ms. Clark was relocated as Deputy Director of Licensing. In 2006 she became Acting Director of Licensing and in the fall, was selected Director of Licensing. Due to personal reasons she resigned as Director and in 2010 retired from federal government service.

Ms. Clark lives in National Harbor, Md and enjoys her three grandchildren who live in nearby Virginia.