



Paul Fessler

Senior Vice President & Chief Nuclear
Officer
DTE Electric

Paul Fessler, 66, has rejoined DTE as senior vice president and chief nuclear officer. DTE is an electric utility serving 2.2 million customers in Southeastern Michigan. Fessler previously served as chief nuclear from 2014 - 2017 and has more than 28 years of experience in the nuclear industry and has served in several senior leadership roles during his 41 years. DTE Electric is one of three major business units of DTE (NYSE: DTE), a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Fessler is responsible for DTE's nuclear power generation, which includes the Fermi 2 Nuclear Power Plant, a 1,200-megawatt boiling water reactor located in Newport, Michigan. The facility employs about 900 workers and produces approximately 15 percent of the power generated by DTE.

Fessler joined the company in 1976 as an associate engineer and held a variety of leadership positions in operations, engineering, maintenance and training. He became director of nuclear operations in the Nuclear Generation Fermi 2 Organization, responsible for all operations at DTE's nuclear facility. In addition, he was vice president of fossil generation, responsible for the operation of the company's fossil-fueled electric power plants, including engineering and capital projects. Most recently he was senior vice president of Electrical Operations, responsible for the operation of DTE's fossil generation, distribution operations and distribution engineering organizations.

Fessler earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering, and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan. He is a registered professional engineer.

Fessler is a current member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the American Nuclear Society. He served on the EPRI Generation Executive Committee, AEIC Power Generation Committee and the University of Michigan Tauber Institute Advisory Board. He is currently on the Plymouth United Way Board of Directors and The University of Michigan Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences Advisory Board. Fessler served on various boards for the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), and is currently member of the Executive Advisory Group for INPO as well as the Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee for the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). He was selected as sole U.S. representative for International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) missions to review reactor operations for Russian and East German nuclear reactors. He also served on the Safety Review Board for the Clinton nuclear power plant. Fessler has held senior reactor operator licenses for multiple nuclear facilities.