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Cheri Collins is Southern Company's General Manager and External Affairs Liaison for Nuclear Operations and Development where she serves as a strategist.

Previously, Cheri served as general manager of external alliances for Southern Nuclear's Nuclear Development organization. She was responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with companies building AP-1000's including the new nuclear units in China. Additionally, Cheri is Southern Company's leading technical spokesperson with media in support of new nuclear development.

In 2007, Cheri was named plant manager of the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant where she oversaw all aspects of plant operations.

Cheri has also held corporate positions including the following: general manager of nuclear

support at the Southern Nuclear, human resources director for Southern Company Generation, and general manager of Southern Nuclear supply chain.

Cheri began her career with Southern Company in 1978 as a summer intern at Alabama Power. She held a senior reactor operator license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for 15 years. She progressed through a series of management positions with increasing responsibility at Plant Farley, rising to plant support assistant general manager responsible for engineering, security and training. She also served a two-year loaned employee role at the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) where she had the opportunity to observe nuclear plant operations across the country.

Cheri holds a bachelors of science degree in structural engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She calls Eufaula, Alabama home. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and golf.

