JOPLIN CHOSEN CHIEF, FACILITIES ENGINEERING DIVISION

Sammie D. Joplin has been named chief of the Facilities Engineering Division at NASA's Langley Research Center. In this position, Joplin is responsible for the development, design, construction and initial checkout of aerospace research facilities.

He joined NASA Langley in February 1963 as an aerospace technologist. Prior to his recent appointment, he was the assistant chief of the Facilities Engineering Division responsible for providing direction and supervision of engineering design and construction for research facilities at Langley.

In 1985, Joplin spent a year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. He is a specialist in mechanical and systems design for spacecraft, aircraft and facilities and technical management.

A native of Mississippi, Joplin earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Mississippi State University, Starkville, and master's degrees in administration from George Washington University and in management from MIT.

He and his wife Gayle live in Hampton, Va. They have two daughters.

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