



# NGA NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## **Nicole Pilkus**

Deputy Director, Maritime Safety Office

Ms. Nicole Pilkus was selected as the Deputy Director of NGA's Maritime Safety Office in September 2017, where she leads more than 300 maritime experts who provide premier Safety of Navigation products and services, and maritime geospatial intelligence in support of national security objectives and joint military operations. Her previous assignment was Chief of Enterprise Integration in the Office of Strategic Operations, where she led an effort to collect, link, analyze, and visualize data from across the agency to inform NGA's resource decisions.



From 2013 to 2015, Ms. Pilkus served as Director of the Integrated Collection Office, charged with championing collaborative, automated, cross-INT collection strategies. During her tenure, she successfully integrated geospatial open source into Source operations and served as NGA's representative to and Vice Chair of the National Open Source Committee. Prior to that, Ms. Pilkus was the Functional Management Executive for Operations, responsible for optimizing the GEOINT community's resources through the Unified GEOINT Operations (UGO) model.

Ms. Pilkus' earlier NGA assignments include being the first Allied System for Geospatial Intelligence (ASG) Community Governance Lead. She developed the initial policy and governance for the ASG partnership, and led engagement among the Director of NGA and their four counterparts from AUS, CAN, GBR, and NZL. Ms. Pilkus also served as a Strategic Planner and Executive Officer in the Office of Geospatial Intelligence Management, and in the former Office of Global Support, where she supported NGA's externally-assigned personnel.

Ms. Pilkus began her federal career as a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS). She engaged with and travelled to more than a dozen diplomatic facilities in Europe, Russia, and the Middle East as an all-source threat analyst. Ms. Pilkus also spent a year as the assistant to the DS Executive Director, working on personnel, procurement, and space management issues. Before joining the civil service, Ms. Pilkus worked in international business and information technology, holding positions in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Ms. Pilkus studied at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and earned a B.A. in Political Science and French from La Salle University's Honors Program. She holds an

M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Maryland System, and an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School (formerly ICAF) at National Defense University, where she was named a Distinguished Graduate. Other awards include the Department of State Meritorious Honor Award and three NGA Meritorious Unit Citations. She was selected for promotion to the Defense Intelligence Senior ranks in 2017.

Ms. Pilkus lives in Loudoun County, VA, with her daughter. Ms. Pilkus enjoys volunteering in her community and is an avid skier.