

Ruckelshaus Resigns as EPA Chief

Washington

Acting FBI Director William D. Ruckelshaus resigned yesterday as head of the Environmental Protection Agency and named Robert W. Fri to succeed him as acting administrator.

Fri, a career government employee who says he is not interested in becoming permanent director, will serve as acting administrator.

Ruckelshaus was named by President Nixon to head the Federal Bureau of Investigation following the abrupt resignation Friday of L. Patrick Gray III. Ruckelshaus said he is only taking the job temporarily until a permanent director can be found.

Discussing speculation that Ruckelshaus might be persuaded to stay on, Jack Conmy, his press spokesman, said:

"No he doesn't want to be FBI director. And he resigned from EPA because he felt he couldn't do both jobs well. I guess in a few months he will be looking for another job."

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