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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Timothy J. Dwyer to succeed James J. McConnell as one of the two Board Site Representatives at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Pantex Plant outside of Amarillo, Texas, effective June 1, 1997. Mr. Harry Waugh will remain as the other Board Site Representative. This is a routine transfer as part of the normal rotation of Board technical staff.

The Board is an independent federal government agency with public health and safety oversight responsibilities at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. As Board Site Representatives, Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Waugh will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety and health conditions at Pantex, and will participate in the conduct of Board staff reviews and evaluations related to the design, construction, operations, and weapons activities at Pantex. They will also act as the Board's liaison with Pantex management and when authorized by the Board will represent the Board before state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Dwyer joined the Board in March 1992. His previous assignments with the Board have included serving as lead technical staff representative overseeing DOE's efforts to recruit, train, and retain a highly qualified and technically capable workforce. He has also served as the Board's Program Manager for oversight of DOE's Richland Operations Office at the Hanford Site in Washington State.

Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Dwyer was involved with the design, development, and delivery of operations and maintenance training in the commercial nuclear sector. As a naval officer, he was trained under the naval nuclear propulsion program. He also was a qualified Nuclear Engineer Officer, and served on board the submarines USS Dallas (SSN-700) and USS Thomas Jefferson (SSN-618).

Mr. Dwyer earned a bachelor of science degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master of science degree in applied physics from The Johns Hopkins University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer (mechanical) in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dwyer will reside in the Amarillo area with his wife, Deborah, and their four children.

Mr. McConnell will return to the Board's Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and assume responsibilities as Group Leader for Nuclear Weapons Operations. This job will include coordination of the Board's oversight activities at all DOE weapon production facilities, such as Pantex, and at the weapon research, development, and testing facilities, such as the design laboratories and the Nevada Test Site.