

Ralph E. Erickson Manager, Los Alamos Site Office

Mr. Erickson is the Manager of the Los Alamos Site Office. His responsibilites include oversight of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, a budget of over 2 billion dollars, covering 43 square miles, 18 nuclear facilities, and various mulit-programmatic missions. The Los Alamos Site Office has approximately has 100 federal employees and has responsibility for Site Operations Administration and Program Liason.

Formerly as the Associate Administrator Facilities and Operations at NNSA Headquarters, his duties encompass field operations support, infrastructure, ES&H activities, project management, and safeguards and security. Five offices reported to him, including the Office of Infastructure and Facilities Management.

Mr. Erickson served as the Defense Programs Chief Operating Officer from 2000 to 2001. In that capacity, he was responsible for the day-to-day operational oversight, coordination and guidance for the nuclear weapons stockpile activities; assuring the effective and efficient operations of the field elements; and coordinating with the Lead Principal Secretarial Officers whose activities support NNSA.

From 1992 to 2000, Mr. Erickson served as the Director of Eastern Operations responsible for overall operation of the West Valley Demonstration Project and the High Level Waste program at Savannah River Site including the start-up and operation of the Defense Waste Processing Facility.

Mr. Erickson was the Director of Information Services Laboratory at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) from 1989 to 1992 directing a research staff in areas of management techniques and applications.

From 1988 to 1989, Mr. Erickson served as the Acting Director, Office of Weapons Production responsible for programmatic direction to the Operations Offices and the National Laboratories for the conduct of specific nuclear weapons production, development of new weapons system and nuclear weapons stockpile and reliability.

As Branch Chief for the Reactor Branch in the Office of Nuclear Materials Production from 1984 to 1989, he was responsible for direction and guidance for nuclear materials production at two major production sites, fuel fabrication, and feed materials production facilities.

From 1971 to 1984, he served at two major Field locations: Nevada Test Site and Savannah River Site in positions of increasing responsibility in the areas of facilities construction, tritium operations, reactor operations and nuclear waste management.

Mr. Erickson has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from California State Polytechnic University and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from University of South Carolina. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (National Defense University); and the Federal Executive Institute.