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Tom Burns

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Dr. Thomas D. Burns, Jr. as a Board Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Dr. Burns will join Dr. Charles Keilers who is currently a Site Representative at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

As one of the Board's site representatives at LANL, Dr. Burns will advise the Board with regard to overall safety and health conditions, and will participate in the conduct of reviews and evaluations by the Board related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. He also will act as the Board's liaison with the

Department of Energy and LANL management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Dr. Burns joined the Board in April 1997. He has just completed a three year tour as the Board's Site Representative at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina where he oversaw a wide variety of plutonium processing, tritium processing, and high-level waste stabilization operations. His previous assignments with the Board included responsibility for staff activities related to plutonium pit management, tritium processing and storage, criticality safety, and general safety analysis issues. Prior to joining the Board, he conducted research at the University of Virginia on nuclear methods for treating brain tumors and dynamic analyses of accelerator driven, sub-critical nuclear systems; with collaborative tours of duty at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the French Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique Laboratory at Cadarache.

Dr. Burns holds B. S., M. S., and Ph. D. degrees in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Burns plans to reside in the Los Alamos area with his wife Robin and daughter Grace.