The Honorable Joseph F. Bader Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Member of the Board



December 1939 to July 2014

Mr. Joseph F. Bader was nominated by President George W. Bush to take a seat as a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board), and confirmed by the United States Senate on November 22, 2004. Mr. Bader was an enthusiastic proponent of the Board's mission to protect the health and safety of the public and workers at DOE's defense nuclear facilities, and immediately brought his decades of experience in the nuclear industry to bear upon thorny technical and policy issues. In nearly a decade of service as a member of the Board, Mr. Bader championed the concept of "safety in design," to ensure that safety is considered beginning with the earliest stages of nuclear design projects when fundamental decisions are made. He worked tirelessly to make the Board accessible to its stakeholders, fostering communication between the Board and interested parties ranging from members of Congress and their staffs, other oversight and regulatory organizations, and citizen groups.

Mr. Bader worked closely with the staff and was a constant source of ideas for maximizing the Board's impact on safety. All the Board Members and staff were inspired by his determination to fight through his long battle with cancer, and were saddened by the news of death on July 24, 2014. Mr. Bader will be remembered for his dedication, generosity, and his ability to find humor in every situation. He will be missed.

The Board and its staff offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Joseph F. Bader.