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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is pleased to announce that Mark T. Sautman is the 1999 recipient of the John W. Crawford, Jr. Award for Staff Excellence. The award is given annually for the most valuable individual contribution to the work of the Board over the previous year, either by a single action, or through a continuously high level of effort.

Mr. Sautman was given this award on May 13, 1999 for outstanding performance at the Board's site office located at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. Mr. Sautman has made major contributions in the technical evaluations of safety issues at Rocky Flats which have resulted in improved safety for workers and the public. Through his vigilance and technical insight, the Board has been able to resolve complex safety issues before they become major safety problems. More specifically, he has provided oversight in the stabilization and storage of plutonium residues, improved methods for draining radioactive liquids, size reduction and removal of contaminated gloveboxes, and conduct of nuclear operations.

Mr. Sautman is also the chief spokesman for the Board in working with local citizen groups and state and local officials.

Mr. Sautman joined the Board in January 1994. Before his employment with the Board, Mr. Sautman worked in radioactive waste research and management at Sandia National Laboratory, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratory, and Pennsylvania Power and Light. He also served as an Institute of Nuclear Power Operations intern at Illinois Power's Clinton reactor.

In October 1995, Mr. Sautman was named as the Board's Site Representative at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. In this position, Mr. Sautman advises the Board on overall safety and health conditions at Rocky Flats. He participates in the conduct of Board staff reviews and evaluations related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear facilities.

As a DOE Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Fellow, Mr. Sautman received a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering and also a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla.