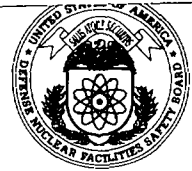


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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of William I. White to succeed Timothy J. Dwyer as one of the two Board Site Representatives at the Department of Energy's Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas, effective July 31, 2000. Mr. Harry Waugh will remain as the other Board Site Representative at the Pantex Plant. Mr. Dwyer will return to the Board's Headquarters in Washington, D.C. This is a routine transfer as part of the normal rotation of the Board's technical staff.

The Board is an independent federal government agency with public health and safety oversight responsibilities at the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities. As Board Site Representatives, Mr. White 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 will represent the Board before state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. White joined the Board's professional development program in June 1992. Prior to joining the Board, Mr. White received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Mississippi. As part of the Board's professional development program, he received his Master of Science degree in engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1995.

Mr. White's previous assignments with the Board include serving as the Board's lead technical staff representative for both the Pantex Plant and the Nevada Test Site. Previous assignments include safety review in the areas of nuclear explosive safety, electrical distribution systems, and instrumentation and control systems at the Pantex Plant, as well as at other major Department of Energy defense nuclear sites such as the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, and Y-12 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mr. White also spent one year at the Sandia National Laboratory Intelligent Systems and Robotics Center where he worked with the design of the automated pit packaging program.

Mr. White will reside in the Amarillo area.