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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Jonathan Plaué as a Site Representative at the National Nuclear Security Administration's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in California. Mr. Plaué will commence his Site Representative duties in June 2009.

As a Site Representative, Mr. Plaué will advise the Board regarding overall nuclear safety conditions at LLNL and will participate in technical reviews by the Board and its staff related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. Mr. Plaué will also assess LLNL's stockpile stewardship activities and design agency support of nuclear weapon operations performed elsewhere in the defense nuclear complex. Additionally, Mr. Plaué will act as the Board's liaison with the National Nuclear Security Administration and LLNL management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Plaué joined the Board's staff in July 2001. Since 2004, Mr. Plaué's primary oversight responsibilities have involved LLNL and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Most recently, Mr. Plaué served as the Board's technical staff lead for nuclear safety oversight at LANL. In this role he coordinated and contributed to the Board's assessments of documented safety analyses, vital safety systems, safety management programs, and programmatic defense operations (e.g., plutonium pit manufacturing) at the Plutonium Facility, Chemistry and Metallurgy Research facility, Weapons Engineering Tritium Facility, and the transuranic waste processing and storage facilities. He has also previously served in the position of technical staff lead with responsibility for LLNL. Mr. Plaué's earlier assignments at the Board included technical reviews and safety analyses related to nuclear chemical processing, high-level waste treatment and stabilization, and nuclear materials processing and storage.

Most recently, Mr. Plaué was the 2009 recipient of the Board's prestigious *John W. Crawford, Jr., Award for Staff Excellence*. This honor is bestowed annually in recognition of the staff member who is considered to have provided 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. This award honors a former Board Member, John W. Crawford, Jr., for outstanding dedication to public service achievement and excellence, his strong sense of personal and professional responsibility, and his inexhaustible commitment to the development, encouragement, and recognition of the Board's staff.

Mr. Plaué holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He will reside with his wife Amy in the East Bay.