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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Rory Rauch as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Y-12 National Security Complex and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). Mr. Rauch will join Mr. David Kupferer and Dr. Wayne Andrews, the Board's current Site Representatives at Y-12, in July 2012.

As a Site Representative, Mr. Rauch will advise the Board on the overall safety conditions of defense nuclear facilities at Y-12 and ORNL and will participate in technical reviews by the Board and its staff related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. He will also act as the Board's liaison with DOE, Y-12, and ORNL management, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Rauch joined the Board in May 2002. As a member of the Board's staff, Mr. Rauch has conducted technical safety reviews of nuclear processing operations and nuclear explosive activities. Most recently, Mr. Rauch served as the Board's Site Representative at the Pantex Plant. In this position, he evaluated safety basis documentation, the conduct of nuclear material and nuclear explosive operations, the nuclear explosive safety change control and evaluation process, and weapon program startup activities. Mr. Rauch also spent a year at Sandia National Laboratories researching the thermal decomposition of high explosive materials.

Mr. Rauch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University and a Master of Engineering degree in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University.