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President Clinton Reappoints Three to NWTRB

President Bill Clinton has reappointed three members of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) for four-year terms. The 11-member Board evaluates the technical and scientific validity of the Department of Energy's program for characterizing a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its potential suitability as the location of a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

John W. Arendt, who was first appointed to the Board in 1995, is the founder of John W. Arendt Associates, Inc., a consulting firm. Mr. Arendt is a registered Professional Engineer and a certified nuclear materials manager. He brings to the Board decades of experience in various phases of the nuclear fuel cycle and management of engineering projects. Mr. Arendt holds a degree in chemical engineering from Marquette University and was a research engineer for the Manhattan Project at the University of Chicago from 1943. He worked for Union Carbide Corporation's nuclear division from 1945 to 1984, holding various management positions. Mr. Arendt resides in Tennessee.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Wong was first appointed to the Board in 1995. Dr. Wong is chief of the Human and Ecological Risk Division of the Department of Toxic Substances Control, California Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Wong has more than 18 years of experience in toxicology and is an instructor in environmental toxicology at the University of California, Davis. He has extensive experience in risk assessment and scientific team management. Dr. Wong holds a B.A. in bacteriology, an M.S. in food science and technology, and a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology, all from the University of California. He lives in California.

First appointed to the Board in 1997, Alberto A. Sagüés is professor of materials engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of South Florida. Dr. Sagüés has special expertise in corrosion and materials engineering, physical metallurgy, and scientific instrumentation. He is a registered Professional Engineer. A native of Argentina, Dr. Sagüés earned his undergraduate degrees from the National University in Rosario, Argentina, and a Ph.D. in metallurgy from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Dr. Sagüés became a U.S. citizen in 1979. He held several teaching positions in the United States and abroad before moving to the University of South Florida in 1985. He lives in Florida.

Information on the Board and its members is available from the Board's Arlington, Virginia, office and also may be obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Requests for copies of reports or other information may be made by telephone (703-235-4473), fax (703-235-4495), and e-mail (info@nwtrb.gov).

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board's mandate is to evaluate the validity of technical and scientific activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy, including characterizing the Yucca Mountain site and packaging and transporting spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

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