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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 National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) Pantex Plant. Mr. Rauch will be relieving Mr. David Kupferer and will join Mr. Timothy Hunt, the Board's other Site Representative at Pantex, in January 2008.

As a Site Representative, Mr. Rauch will advise the Board on the overall safety conditions at Pantex 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 NNSA and Pantex 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 cognizant engineer to the Pantex Plant. In this position, he evaluated safety basis documentation, the conduct of nuclear explosive operations, 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. He will reside in the Amarillo area.