

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Donald F. Owen as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12), Oak Ridge, Tennessee, effective April 7, 2003.

Mr. Owen is being reassigned from the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) near Boulder, Colorado where he has been the Board's Site Representative since July 1999.

As the Board's Site Representative, Mr. Owen will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety and health conditions at Y-12, and will participate in the conduct of Board reviews and evaluations related to the design, construction, operations, and weapons activities at Y-12. He will also act as the Board's liaison with the Department of Energy, Y-12 management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Owen joined the Board in August 1991. In addition to his recent assignment at RFETS, his previous assignments with the Board have included technical reviews of DOE's efforts to resume operations with enriched uranium at Y-12, technical reviews of DOE stockpile management activities at Y-12 and Pantex, technical reviews of plutonium processing activities at RFETS, and technical reviews of proposed DOE directives.

Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Owen was involved with the design and construction of rocket engine test facilities with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and with the design of space nuclear power systems in private industry. Prior to this, Mr. Owen was on the headquarters staff of the DOE Office of Naval Reactors and involved with the design, development and maintenance of reactor plant equipment for naval nuclear propulsion.

Mr. Owen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University and a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from George Washington University. He has also completed graduate level education in reactor plant engineering at DOE's Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory. Mr. Owen is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Owen, his wife Sheila and their son will reside in the Oak Ridge area.