

### *Message from the Vice Chairman:*

I am pleased to take this opportunity to inform you that President Obama announced today his intent to nominate two individuals to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

Both nominees will require confirmation by the U.S. Senate. We have no information indicating when the Senate might take these up, however, I am optimistic that the process will occur smoothly and we look forward to Ms. Connery and Mr. Hamilton joining the Board. I am appreciative of the progress taken to fill the additional Board Member positions. This is important in the agency's ability to provide effective oversight.

I have provided their BIO's below:

#### **Joyce Connery, Nominee for Member, and upon appointment to be designated Chair.**

Joyce Connery serves as Director of Nuclear Energy Policy within the Office of International Economics on the National Security Council (NSC) in the White House, a position she has held since 2012. Prior to this, she served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Secretary at the Department of Energy (DOE) from 2010 to 2012. From 2009 to 2010, Ms. Connery served as the Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction and Nuclear Energy Cooperation and in 2008 served as Director of Nonproliferation Policy at the NSC. From 2006 to 2008, Ms. Connery served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Proliferation at the DOE. Before that position, she was a Policy Advisor to the Assistant Deputy Administrator at DOE from 2004 to 2006. From 1999 to 2004, Ms. Connery served in various positions at Argonne National Laboratory for the DOE including Program Analyst and Foreign Affairs Specialist from 2001 to 2004, Technical Program Coordinator from 2000 to 2001, and Nuclear Nonproliferation Program Representative from 1999 to 2000. Ms. Connery received a B.A. and M.A. from Tufts University.

#### **Bruce Hamilton, Nominee for Member.**

Bruce Hamilton serves as a consultant to the nuclear industry, a role he has held since 2013. Prior to this, he was the President of Fuelco LLC from 2009 to 2013. From 2003 to 2008, Mr. Hamilton was the Director of Luminant Power at Comanche Peak NPP. From 1978 to 2002, he served as a Captain in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Hamilton serves on a variety of boards, including as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Military Officers Association of America and as a Member of the American Nuclear Society. Mr. Hamilton received a B.S. from Texas A&M University, an M.A. from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a Ph.D. from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Thank you,  
Jessie H. Roberson  
Vice Chairman