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Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Announces Leadership Changes

Washington, DC -- President Trump has designated Mr. Sean Sullivan Acting Chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. Mr. Bruce Hamilton has been designated Acting Vice Chairman.

Mr. Sullivan has been a Board member since 2012. Originally from Connecticut, he is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and served as a U.S. Navy submarine officer for 26 years. After leaving active duty, Mr. Sullivan practiced law as a civil litigation attorney for five years in the areas of torts, employment law, land use, and municipal law. He holds a J.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Mr. Hamilton, a Texas native, is a veteran of nearly four decades in nuclear energy. Appointed to the Board in 2015, he was formerly president of a nuclear fuel company, a nuclear power plant engineering director, and a Navy Captain. A registered professional engineer, Mr. Hamilton holds a B.S. from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. from The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy.

Sullivan said, "I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I look forward to working with my fellow Board Members and our excellent staff as we fulfill our mission to provide independent advice and analysis to the Secretary of Energy."

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is an independent Federal agency responsible for safety oversight of the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities. By statute, the Board has five members. Chairman Sullivan and Vice Chairman Hamilton are joined on the Board by fellow members: Ms. Joyce Connery, Ms. Jessie Roberson, and Mr. Daniel Santos.

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