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NNSA Selects an Associate Administrator for Facilities and Operations and Los Alamos Site Office Manager

NNSA Administrator John Gordon today announced two decisions that will strengthen management of the nation's nuclear weapons complex.

He has asked Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to reassign Greg Rudy, manager of the department's Savannah River Operations Office, to become NNSA Associate Administrator for Facilities and Operations in Washington. Gordon has also selected Ralph Erickson, who has served for the past year as Associate Administrator for Facilities and Operations, to be manager of the Los Alamos Site Office.

Both appointees will report to their posts in early June.

"Greg is an able manager with extensive experience both at DOE headquarters and in the field, and he knows well the challenges facing our aging weapons complex," Gordon said. "He will bring a broad perspective and excellent skills to the facilities restoration program we have begun. I am delighted to bring someone of his caliber to NNSA."

Gordon said that his selection of Erickson to manage the Los Alamos Site Office reflects his commitment to place strong, experienced managers in the site offices, which will take on greater oversight responsibilities in the NNSA field reorganization plan announced last February. "To achieve the goals of our plan," Gordon said, "we need to place top managers in the field, closer to the work. Ralph has the talent and energy we need in that job."

Gordon noted that the moves also meet his goal to rotate senior managers between headquarters and the field to improve communication and coordination.

Greg Rudy's 24 years of federal service have included assignments in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and in DOE's nuclear energy, nuclear weapons, non-proliferation and environmental programs. He managed the Savannah River office for four years. He is the recipient of numerous departmental awards, including the Secretarial Gold and Silver medals, and a Presidential Rank award for meritorious service.

Ralph Erickson previously served as the Chief Operating Officer for Defense Programs. He has been with the department for 28 years, holding a number of positions at headquarters, the Nevada Operations Office and the Savannah River Site.

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