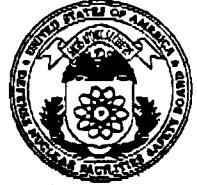


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May 7, 1998

The Honorable Federico Peña
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Peña:

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Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.
Mr. James C. Hall

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is an independent federal government agency with public and worker health and safety oversight responsibilities at the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities.

In this newly created position, Mr. Gubanc will advise the Board on overall safety and health conditions at the Oak Ridge sites (i.e., ORNL, Y-12, ETTP, Portsmouth, Paducah) defense nuclear facilities, and will participate in the conduct of Board staff reviews and evaluations related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear facilities. He will also act as the Board's liaison with the Oak Ridge Site management and represent the Board before federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Gubanc joined the Board's staff in July 1991. Since June 1994 he has been the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Hanford Site Representative, where he monitored Department of Energy Hanford site activities as they relate to public and worker health and safety. During this period he worked closely with representatives of national labor unions, federal and state regulatory officials, American Indian tribal representatives, and local citizens groups on a wide range of issues. Previous assignments with the Board included three years on the Technical Staff as program manager for both the Hanford and Savannah River sites.

Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Gubanc worked in private industry, tasked with oversight and evaluation of Hanford Site Decontamination and Decommissioning. Before that he was at Naval Reactors Headquarters for more than eight years where he was involved with the technical project management of five land-based prototype reactor plants, training and examination of Naval nuclear personnel, and design, operation and maintenance of reactor plant systems. Mr. Gubanc holds both Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

Mr. Gubanc will reside in the Oak Ridge area with his wife, Mary Ann, and their two children.