

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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**John Contardi**

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. John Contardi as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS).

As the Board's SRS Site Representative, Mr. Contardi will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety and health conditions, and will participate in the conduct of reviews and evaluations by the Board related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. He will also act as the Board's liaison with the Department of Energy and SRS management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Contardi joined the Board in September 2000. His previous assignments with the Board included responsibility for staff activities related to processing and stabilization of plutonium and other nuclear materials, high-level waste processing, implementation of integrated safety management, and radiological engineering.

Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Contardi was a Chemical Engineer at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). While at the NRC, Mr. Contardi's duties involved the study of plutonium transport at the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository, high-level waste processing, and various decommissioning projects.

Mr. Contardi holds a bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, a masters degree in Environmental Engineering from Clemson University, and a masters degree in Health Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Mr. Contardi also is a Certified Health Physicist. Mr. Contardi received an honorable discharge following eight years of service with the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Mr. Contardi and his wife Laura plan to reside in the Aiken area.