

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dr. Thomas Burns  
Jr.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Dr. Thomas D. Burns, Jr. as a Board Site Representative at the Department of Energy Savannah River Site (SRS). Dr. Burns will be replacing Dr. Charles Keilers who will be assuming responsibility as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory.

As one of the Board's two Site Representatives at SRS, Dr. Burns will advise the Board with regard to overall safety and health conditions, and will participate in the conduct of Board staff reviews and evaluations related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of nuclear facilities. He also will act as the Board's liaison with the Department of Energy and the Savannah River Site management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Dr. Burns joined the Board in April 1997. His previous assignments with the Board included responsibility for staff activities related to plutonium pit management, tritium processing and storage, criticality safety, as well as general safety analysis issues.

Prior to joining the Board, he conducted research at the University of Virginia on nuclear methods for treating brain tumors and dynamic analyses of accelerator driven, sub-critical nuclear systems; with collaborative tours of duty at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the French Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique Laboratory at Cadarache.

Dr. Burns holds Ph.D., M.S., and B.S. degrees in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Burns and his wife Robin plan to reside in the Aiken area.