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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. David Kupferer as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mr. Kupferer will report for full-time duty in February 2008, at which time he will join Mr. Donald Owen and Mr. R. Todd Davis, the Board's current Site Representatives at Y-12.

As a Site Representative, Mr. Kupferer will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety conditions at Y-12 defense nuclear facilities, and will participate in technical reviews and evaluations conducted by the Board and its staff related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. Additionally, Mr. Kupferer will act as the Board's liaison with Y-12 management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Kupferer joined the Board in August 2000. Since November 2004, he has been the Board's Site Representative at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, overseeing nuclear explosive disassembly, inspection, and assembly operations; and special nuclear material transportation, staging, and storage.

Mr. Kupferer earned a Master of Engineering degree in Materials Science and Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In addition, Mr. Kupferer graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Kupferer plans to reside in the Knoxville area with his wife Shannon and their daughter.