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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of David N. Kupferer of its Technical Staff as a Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Kupferer will report for full-time duty on November 8, 2004, at which time he will join Timothy L. Hunt, the Board's current Site Representative at the Pantex Plant.

The Board is an independent federal government agency with public health and safety oversight responsibilities at the Department of Energy's (DOE) defense nuclear facilities. As a Board Site Representative, Mr. Kupferer will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety and health conditions at Pantex, and will participate in the conduct of the Board's staff reviews and evaluations related to the design, construction, operations, and weapons activities at Pantex. He will also act as the Board's liaison with Pantex management, and will represent the Board before state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Kupferer joined the Board in August 2000. His previous assignments with the Board have included responsibility for staff activities related to nuclear material storage activities, radiological waste stabilization and processing, nuclear facility design, and weapon assembly and disassembly. Mr. Kupferer earned a Master of Engineering degree in Materials Science and Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In addition, Mr. Kupferer graduated summa cum laude from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Kupferer and his wife Shannon plan to reside in Amarillo.