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## **President Clinton Appoints Don Runnells to NWTRB**

President Bill Clinton has appointed Dr. Donald Runnells to the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (the Board), completing the eleven-member Board that evaluates the scientific and technical validity of the nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste disposal program.

Dr. Runnells, appointed June 23, is professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Colorado and has more than 27 years of teaching experience. He also is vice-president of Shepherd Miller, Inc., a Ft. Collins, Colorado, firm providing environmental and engineering consultation primarily to the mining industry, and to government agencies and other concerns.

Dr. Runnells brings to the Board expertise in geochemistry, hydrochemistry, and mineral deposits. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and a member of the Geochemical Society, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, the Association of Exploration Geochemists, the Association of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers, and the American Chemical Society. Dr. Runnells has been an editor or on the editorial board for the *Journal of Geochemical Exploration*, *Interface*, *Science of the Total Environment*, *Chemical Geology*, and the *Journal of Applied Geochemistry*.

In 1958, Dr. Runnells earned a bachelors degree in geology from the University of Utah. He earned a master of arts degree in geology in 1960 and a Ph.D. in geochemistry/geology in 1964, both from Harvard University.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board is charged with evaluating the scientific and technical validity of the activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy to manage and dispose of the nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste.

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