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## **Everet Beckner Sworn-in as Deputy Administrator For Defense Programs**

Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham today swore in Dr. Everet H. Beckner as the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

Beckner will direct the program responsible for maintaining the safety, security and reliability of the Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. NNSA's nuclear weapons complex includes three national research laboratories, the Nevada Test Site, and four production plants.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said, "We are very fortunate to have a senior manager of Ev's caliber and standing in the national security community join our leadership team. He will play a critical role in the NNSA as he and Administrator Gordon position the nuclear weapons complex to meet the defense requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

NNSA Administrator John Gordon said, "Having Ev begin his tenure as the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs has been one of my top priorities. His proven leadership skills, management experience and technical background are a perfect fit for this critical position. He knows first hand all of the challenges he faces in this senior leadership position. I have every confidence that he and his team in Defense Programs will be very successful."

Dr. Beckner recently retired as a Vice President at Lockheed Martin where he was Deputy Chief Executive at Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, United Kingdom. Prior to joining Lockheed Martin he served as the Energy Department's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs (1991-1995) and has held senior leadership positions at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr. Beckner is the son of Hess and Ursula Beckner, whose parents settled in Union County, New Mexico in the early 1900's. He has three brothers and one sister, Dr. Weldon Beckner of Waco, TX, Ferol Beckner at Clayton, NM, Helen Kilbourne of Amarillo, TX and Gary Beckner of Georgetown, TX.

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He graduated from Clayton, New Mexico High School, then from Baylor University for his bachelor's degree and Rice University for his masters and Ph.D. degrees in physics.

He is married to Caroline Allen Beckner of Roswell, NM, and have three children and two step children: Dr. Gregory Beckner of Houston, TX, Lee Elizabeth Strause (deceased), Matthew Beckner of Superior, CO, Kimberly Lierheimer of Flower Mound, TX and Audrey Bell of Corrales, NM.

NNSA enhances U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy, including the maintenance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile. The agency also manages programs that promote international nuclear non-proliferation and safety and reduce global dangers of weapons of mass destruction. NNSA provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion and oversees national laboratories to maintain U.S. leadership in science and technology.

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