



The Deputy Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT:

Federal Technical Capability Panel Chairperson

The Department's Federal Technical Capability Panel coordinates activities to recruit, deploy, develop, and retain Federal employees with the necessary technical capabilities to safely accomplish the Department's missions and responsibilities at defense nuclear facilities.

For the past five years, Mr. Roy Schepens has done a superb job at leading the Panel in improving the rigor and effectiveness of the Department's technical capability. With Mr. Schepens' recent retirement from Federal service, I designate Ms. Karen L. Boardman, Director of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Service Center, as the Chairperson of the Panel.

As the Director of the NNSA Service Center, Ms. Boardman is successfully implementing a model Federal technical training and qualification program. Her leadership and experience in a range of challenging technical duties make her well-suited to lead the Panel. I expect the Panel to continue to effectively implement the Department's Technical Qualification Program for defense nuclear facilities and ask you to support Ms. Boardman in her efforts.

I have asked Ms. Boardman to keep me apprised of the Panel's progress in this important endeavor.



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