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Speaker Biographies

Christopher Hart, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board

Christopher A. Hart was sworn in as a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board on August 12, 2009 and designated by the President for a two-year term as Vice Chairman of the Board on August 18.

Member Hart joined the Board after a long career in transportation safety, including a previous term as a Member of the NTSB. Immediately before returning to the Board, Member Hart was Deputy Director for Air Traffic Safety Oversight at the Federal Aviation Administration. He was previously the FAA Assistant Administrator for the Office of System Safety.

He served as a Member of the NTSB from 1990 to 1993. After leaving the Board, he served as Deputy Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, before moving to the FAA in 1995.

From 1973 until joining the Board in 1990, Member Hart held a series of legal positions, mostly in the private sector. He holds a law degree from Harvard University and Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association.

Member Hart is a licensed pilot with commercial, multi-engine and instrument ratings.

Member Hart's family has a tradition of accomplishment in the field of transportation. His great uncle, James Herman Banning, was the first African-American to receive a pilot's license issued by the United States government, in 1926.

Brig Gen Garrett Harenca, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application

Brigadier General Garrett Harenca is the principal assistant deputy administrator for military application in the Office of Defense Programs at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). He assists the deputy administrator in directing the Stockpile Stewardship Program (SSP), which maintains the safety, security, and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. The NNSA's nuclear security enterprise includes three national research laboratories, the Nevada Test Site, and four production plants. This approximately \$5 billion program, with over 25,000 people around the country, encompasses operations associated with manufacturing,



maintaining, refurbishing, and dismantling the nuclear weapons stockpile. Defense Programs also provides oversight and direction of the research, development, and engineering support to maintain the safety and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile in the absence of underground testing, and assures the capability for maintaining the readiness to test and develop new warheads.

Prior to joining NNSA, Brig Gen Harencak was the Commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

General Harencak entered the Air Force in 1983 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. His assignments include aircraft command of the B-52; instructor pilot and squadron command in the B-1B; a tour in weapon systems requirements; aide to the Commander of U.S. Central Command; Director of the Headquarters U.S. Air Force Executive Secretariat; and Deputy Director of Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command. General Harencak has also commanded the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas. The general is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in various strike and training aircraft.

William Ostendorff, Commissioner, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The Honorable William C. Ostendorff was sworn in as a Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on April 1, 2010, to a term ending on June 30, 2011.

Mr. Ostendorff has a distinguished career as an engineer, legal counsel, policy advisor, and naval officer. Before joining the NRC, Mr. Ostendorff served as the Director of the Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy and as Director of the Board on Global Science and Technology at the National Academies.

Mr. Ostendorff came to the National Academies after serving as Principal Deputy Administrator at the National Nuclear Security Administration from April 2007 until April 2009. From 2003 to 2007, he was a member of the staff of the House Armed Services Committee. There, he served as counsel and staff director for the Strategic Forces Subcommittee with oversight responsibilities for the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities as well as the Department of Defense's space, missile defense and intelligence programs.

Mr. Ostendorff was an officer in the United States Navy from 1976 until he retired in 2002 in the grade of captain. During his naval career, he commanded an attack submarine, an attack submarine squadron and served as Director of the Division of Mathematics and Science at the United States Naval Academy.



Mr. Ostendorff earned a bachelor's degree in systems engineering from the United States Naval Academy and law degrees from the University of Texas and Georgetown University. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Jessie Hill Roberson, Vice Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Ms. Jessie Hill Roberson has almost 30 years of experience in the nuclear field, with in-depth experience in low level waste management, environmental restoration, reactor operations and project management. This is Ms. Roberson's second appointment to the Board. In September 1999, President Bill Clinton nominated Ms. Roberson, of Evergreen, Alabama, to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. After confirmation by the United States Senate, Ms. Roberson began her duties as a Board Member on January 18, 2000.

Prior to her first appointment to the Board, Ms. Roberson served with the Department of Energy (DOE) in a variety of responsible and challenging positions. In 1996 she became the Manager of DOE's Rocky Flats Field Office at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Colorado, with the responsibility for integration and performance of all environmental cleanup activities on the Site. She served with distinction in this position until December 1999. In her ten years with the Department of Energy, she has held numerous technical and managerial positions at DOE's Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site and the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, including environmental cleanup, waste management, safeguards and security, as well as nuclear reactors and weapons.

Before joining the Department of Energy, she worked with Georgia Power Company as a system engineering specialist from 1987 to 1989. At Georgia Power, Ms. Roberson focused on maintenance, testing, upgrades and performance reliability of electrical and mechanical plant systems and equipment. She has extensive experience in nuclear reactor operations and successfully completed the testing requirements for reactor operations with E. I. DuPont in 1982. Later with DuPont she trained nuclear reactor operators and supervisors in both nuclear and field operations. Before leaving DuPont in 1987 Ms. Roberson worked as a nuclear reactor operations manager at several sites.

From 1977 to 1980, Ms. Roberson completed work assignments as a student engineer for Westinghouse at the Clinch River Breeder Reactor in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and the Nuclear Center in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Ms. Roberson received a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee.