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### ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce the assignment of Mr. Mark Sautman as the Board's Site Representative at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina. Mr. Sautman will report for duty in April 2005, at which time he will join John Contardi, the Board's current Site Representative at SRS.

As the Board's SRS Site Representative, Mr. Sautman will advise the Board with regard to the overall safety and health conditions, and will participate in the conduct of reviews and evaluations by the Board related to the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of defense nuclear facilities. He will also act as the Board's liaison with the Department of Energy and SRS management, federal, state and local agencies, the public, and industry officials.

Mr. Sautman joined the Board in January 1994. Since August 1999, he has been the Board's Site Representative at the Hanford Site in Washington overseeing the Waste Treatment Plant design and construction, tank farms operations, and plutonium stabilization. Prior thereto, Mr. Sautman in October 1995, helped establish the Board's site office at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, where he focused primarily on plutonium stabilization and site closure activities. His earlier assignments with the Board included coauthoring technical reports on uranium-233 storage safety and low-level radioactive waste disposal.

Before joining the Board, Mr. Sautman was involved with radioactive waste research and management at Sandia National Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, and Pennsylvania Power and Light. He was also an Institute of Nuclear Power Operations intern at Illinois Power's Clinton reactor.

As a Department of Energy Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Fellow, Mr. Sautman received a Masters in Nuclear Engineering and a Masters in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also has a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Mr. Sautman will reside in the Augusta area with his wife Karen and their two daughters.