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President Bush Reappoints Dr. Verink to the NWTRB

On October 30, 1990, the White House announced the reappointment of Dr. Ellis D. Verink to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB). Dr. Verink was originally appointed to the Board by President Reagan on January 18, 1989. He will serve a four-year term to expire on April 19, 1994. Dr. Verink will continue to chair the NWTRB's Engineered Barrier System Panel and to serve on the Transportation & Systems Panel and the Risk & Performance Analysis Panel.

Dr. Verink, a registered professional engineer, brings to the Board more than 50 years' experience working with materials selection and corrosion. Dr. Verink teaches at the University of Florida and is a Distinguished Service Professor of Metallurgy. He has served as chair of the Materials Science and Engineering Department at the University of Florida and as president of Materials Consultants, Inc. He has received dozens of awards for his contributions to materials science. Dr. Verink has been a member of American delegations to China and the Soviet Union and has lectured in five foreign countries. Author of more than 75 technical papers, he has edited two books and served as editor for the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* and on the editorial board of *Surface Technology Magazine* and *Journal of Materials Education.* He presently resides in Gainesville, Florida.

The NWTRB was established by the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203) to evaluate the scientific and technical validity of the activities undertaken by the DOE in its program for managing civilian high-level radioactive waste (HLW). In the same act, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as a possible location for a permanent underground repository for HLW. The Board's charge includes the evaluation of DOE activities relating to site characterization and to the packaging and transportation of HLW.

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