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President Clinton Reappoints Jared L. Cohon Chairman of NWTRB

President Bill Clinton has reappointed Jared L. Cohon chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) for a four-year term. The 11-member Board evaluates the technical and scientific validity of the U.S. Department of Energy's program for characterizing a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its potential suitability as the location of a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dr. Cohon was first appointed to the 11-member Board by President Clinton in 1995. He was appointed by the President to be the Board's chairman in January 1997.

Dr. Cohon is president of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has written one book and is author, co-author, or editor of more than 80 professional publications. Dr. Cohon brings to the Board special expertise as a national authority on environmental and water resource systems analysis. His research interests include multiobjective programming, a technique for decision-making in situations with multiple conflicting objectives. In 1996, Dr. Cohon received the Joan Hodges Queneau Medal for outstanding engineering achievement in environmental conservation, awarded jointly by the American Association of Engineering Societies and the National Audubon Society. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

Dr. Cohon began his teaching career in 1973 at Johns Hopkins University, where he was, successively, assistant, associate, and full professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering and Assistant and Associate Dean of Engineering and Vice Provost for Research. In 1992, he became dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and professor of environmental systems analysis at Yale University. Dr. Cohon became president of Carnegie Mellon University in July 1997.

Dr. Cohon earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 1969. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a master's degree in civil engineering in 1972 and a Ph.D. in civil engineering in 1973.

Dr. Cohon is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Geophysical Union, the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science, the

American Water Resources Association, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has served on several committees for the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS).

Dr. Cohon resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board are appointed by the President from nominations by the NAS. All members are selected solely on the basis of their expertise. Board members serve part time.

Information on the Board and its members is available from the Board's Arlington, Virginia, office and also may be obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Requests for copies of reports or other information may be made by telephone (703-235-4473), fax (703-235-4495), and e-mail (info@nwtrb.gov).

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board's mandate is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy, including characterizing the Yucca Mountain site and packaging and transporting spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

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