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## NWTRB Names Executive Director

On June 15, 1990, Dr. William D. Barnard was appointed Executive Director of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board. Dr. Barnard, who comes to the Board from the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), served as Acting Executive Director after W.W. Coons resigned in April. "I originally offered Bill the position, but he declined, fearing that health problems would interfere with his ability to handle the job," said Dr. Don U. Deere, Chairman of the Board. "During the past two months, Bill's health has improved substantially, and he has done an outstanding job as Acting Executive Director . . . I asked him to reconsider and we are extremely pleased to have him with us permanently," said Dr. Deere.

Before assuming the position of Acting Executive Director, Dr. Barnard served on a half-time basis as senior assistant to the Executive Director, where he played a vital role in helping the Board establish contacts in Washington and on Capitol Hill. His experience at OTA, which included an extensive study on high-level radioactive waste disposal, was helpful to the Board in identifying critical issues relating to nuclear waste management. Dr. Barnard, who specialized in geology and oceanography, brings to the Board many years of experience in scientific policy analysis. He has served as a director and policy analyst on numerous OTA projects including studies of the wetlands, desalination, ocean waste disposal, and radioactive waste disposal.

The NWTRB, which was formed under the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (NWPAA) of 1987, is an executive agency charged with overseeing efforts of the Department of Energy (DOE) to develop a geologic repository for the permanent disposal of commercial spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level nuclear waste.

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