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Larry Brown was appointed in 2006 by President George W Bush to serve as a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. After completing one term, in February 2011, he returned to private law practice specializing in nuclear safety and atomic energy law & policy. In addition to his private practice, LWB PC, he currently teaches a course in Atomic Energy Law at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC.

From 2001, Mr. Brown worked at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as the Senior Policy Advisor for nuclear, spent fuel and non-proliferation, and nuclear security issues. In this role he provided recommendations on a broad cross-section of key issues to the Office of Nuclear Energy, the Office of Environmental Management, and the Office of Non-proliferation and International Security.

As a DOE Senior Policy Advisor he coordinated efforts to capture value from the government's uranium inventories, while encouraging private industry to modernize nuclear fuel cycle facilities in the United States. His efforts contributed to the resolution of private claims for prior transfers of 9,550 tons of contaminated natural uranium, decontamination of nearly 15,000 tons of technetium contaminated natural uranium, and recognition of the value of the government's large inventory of high assay depleted uranium. At the end of his term at DOE, the stagnant U.S. uranium enrichment industry, which previously had no concrete plans for deployment of new enrichment technology, had begun two privately funded technology development and deployment initiatives.

In 2005 the Deputy Secretary of Energy directed him to lead the DOE Task Force that developed the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP), subsequently a Presidential initiative, with the objective of eliminating the major impediments to the expansion of commercial nuclear energy, including -- on a global scale -- closing the nuclear fuel cycle, reducing commercial nuclear waste and stemming the illicit spread of sensitive nuclear technologies. In 2006 Mr. Brown was presented the Secretary of Energy's Silver Award in special recognition of his work on the President's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.

His last position at the Department of Energy was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Corporate Business Operations in the Office of Nuclear Energy where he spearheaded implementation of the GNEP international initiative. Subsequently, GNEP was

embraced by all the world's major nuclear power nations, and many others, and its non-proliferation elements continue to be important elements of United States policy.

After his appointment in 2006 to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, he visited all U.S. defense nuclear sites multiple times, focusing attention on health physics, the facilities material condition, formality of operations, and safety issues associated with wet chemistry operations. In addition he highlighted the importance of DOE establishing a robust nuclear safety research and development program, and strengthening government contractor oversight principally through thoroughly qualified and adequately staffed Facility Representative (FACREP) programs.

Mr. Brown has spoken frequently at public events and nuclear safety workshops and participated in conferences on the future of commercial nuclear power. He represented DOE at Nuclear Energy Institute conferences on the nuclear fuel cycle, and at the IAEA's International Conference in Russia recognizing the 50th anniversary of commercial nuclear power. He spoke on the GNEP initiative to the IAEA General Assembly in Vienna and to the assembled NATO military commission in Brussels. Most recently, in 2010 he gave presentations on "The 1969 Fire at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant," the "Hydrogen Safety Strategy at Defense Nuclear Facilities," and the need for "Probabilistic Risk Assessment" in DOE safety analysis. In 2012, he participated in the study sponsored by CSIS on Nuclear Energy in America. He also serves on the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council.

Prior to 2001, Mr. Brown served thirty-two years on active duty in the United States Navy. He began his military service as a Seaman Recruit and retired as a United States Navy Captain after having served onboard ten ships, including nuclear submarines, destroyers, frigates, supply ships, and a nuclear aircraft carrier. Early in his career he qualified in nuclear plant operations on three naval nuclear reactors.

His last two sea tours were as Commanding Officer of the Guided Missile Destroyer USS LUCE (1989-91), and of the Guided Missile Frigate USS MAHLON S. TISDALE (1991-92), respectively. While serving as Commanding Officer, his ships earned many awards including the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award and the Squadron nomination for the Pacific Fleet Lamps (Helicopter) Safety Award. During his military career, the Navy awarded six personal awards, including the Legion of Merit for service on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO).

He earned a J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1998, and is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia; an M.A., United States Naval War College, Newport, RI, 1993, (National Security and Strategic Studies); and a B.A., University of Colorado, 1972. (Physics).