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## **Ambassador Linton Brooks to be Acting NNSA Administrator**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - At Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham's recommendation, President Bush today designated Ambassador Linton Brooks, currently the National Nuclear Security Administration's Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, as the NNSA's Acting Administrator effective immediately. Brooks will replace General John Gordon, who is joining the National Security Council.

"Linton has done an excellent job managing our nonproliferation agenda and is a key member of the NNSA management team," Secretary Abraham said. "Our programs have never been more effective and he is leading our efforts to address new areas of proliferation concerns, including securing radiological materials in Russia and the former Soviet Union States. I am pleased that he has agreed to serve as acting Administrator, and know that he will bring steady leadership to NNSA."

Prior to joining the NNSA, Ambassador Brooks was the Vice President and Assistant to the President for Policy Analysis at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), a federally funded research and development center located in Alexandria, Virginia. His extensive government experience includes service as the Assistant Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Chief U.S. Negotiator for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, and Director of Arms Control for the National Security Council. He also served for 30 years in the U.S. Navy.

NNSA enhances U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy, maintains the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, promotes international nuclear non-proliferation and safety, reduces global danger from weapons of mass destruction, provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion, and oversees national laboratories to maintain U.S. leadership in science and technology.

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