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**President Biden Appoints Six New Members
to U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board**

President Biden has appointed the following members to the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board: Dr. Richelle Allen-King; Mr. Lake Barrett; Dr. Miles Greiner; Dr. Silvia Jurisson; Dr. Peter Swift; and Dr. Seth Tuler. President Biden simultaneously designated Dr. Swift as Chair of the Board. The President also reappointed current Board members Dr. Nathan Siu and Dr. Scott Tyler for terms expiring in 2028. The new and reappointed Board members will serve with current Board members Dr. Ron Ballinger and Dr. Brian Woods. The White House announcement of the new appointments may be found [here](#).

Dr. Allen-King is Professor of Geological Sciences at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Mr. Barrett is an independent consultant in the energy field and previously served as the head of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. Dr. Greiner is a Foundation Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Nuclear Packaging Program at the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Jurisson is Professor Emerita of Chemistry and Radiology at the University of Missouri. Dr. Swift is a consulting geoscientist and previously served as the National Technical Director of DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy Spent Fuel and Waste Technology Research and Development campaign. Dr. Tuler is Associate Professor in the Department of Integrative and Global Studies at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Board members serve part time and are appointed by the President from a list of nominees submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. Nominees are eminent in a field of science or engineering, including environmental sciences, and are selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service. The appointees join the Board as soon as they complete the oath of office. By law, Board members may continue to serve until they are reappointed or until their replacements are appointed by the President.

The Board is an independent federal agency in the Executive Branch. It was established in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-203) to perform an ongoing evaluation of the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to developing and implementing a program for the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, in accordance with the terms of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. Additional information can be found on the Board's website at www.nwtrb.gov.

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