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Bruce Held is the Acting Undersecretary for Nuclear Security with responsibility for leading the National Nuclear Security Administration. He is responsible for operational and policy matters across the DOE/NNSA enterprise in support of President Obama's nuclear security agenda.

Mr. Held is a retired clandestine operations officer of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where he received the Intelligence Commendation Medal for "tenacity and extraordinary accomplishments during a period of hostilities." During his career with the CIA, Mr. Held served as Chief of Station in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. He also served as Special Assistant to Mr. Anthony Lake, National Security Adviser to President Clinton, and as Special Assistant to Mr. George Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence.

After retirement from the CIA, Mr. Held served as Chief of Counterintelligence at Sandia National Laboratories, one of three DOE/NNSA-owned national security laboratories. His success in winning proactive support from the laboratory scientific community to aggressively counter the activities of foreign intelligence services was recognized by senior management of Sandia and DOE.

In December 2009, Energy Secretary Steven Chu asked Mr. Held to return to federal service and serve as Director of DOE's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence. In that capacity, he led all DOE intelligence and counterintelligence activities, including over thirty intelligence and counterintelligence offices nationwide, and served as a member of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Intelligence Community. In December 2012, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper awarded Mr. Held the National Intelligence Superior Service Medal for "transforming the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, Department of Energy, to meet threats to the

national security of the United States.”

In June 2013, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz asked Mr. Held to assume the responsibilities of Associate Deputy Secretary and Acting Undersecretary.

Mr. Held holds an M.S. in Monetary Theory from the London School of Economics and a B.S. in Economics from the University of Minnesota. He is the author of two books on the impact of espionage in American history. He and his wife of 34 years, Lani, have a daughter and two sons.



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