

Ms. Jessie Hill Roberson

Vice Chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board



Ms. Jessie Hill Roberson a native of Evergreen, Alabama, has over 30 years of experience in the nuclear engineering field, with profound experience in low level waste management, environmental restoration, reactor operations and project management. Ms. Roberson's who is currently serving her second tour with the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board (DNFSB) was initially nominated as a member of the Board in September 1999 by President Bill Clinton. Ms. Roberson was confirmed by the United States Senate in January 2000. After a short departure from the board, Ms. Roberson was again nominated as Vice Chairman of the Board by President Barack Obama.

Prior to and after her first appointment to the Board, Ms. Roberson served with the Department of Energy (DOE) in a variety of challenging positions. In 1996 she became the Manager of DOE's Rocky Flats Field Office at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Colorado, with the responsibility for integration and performance of all environmental cleanup activities on the Site. She served with distinction in this position until December 1999. In her ten years with the Department of Energy, she has held numerous technical and managerial positions at DOE's Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site and the Savannah River Site in Aiken, South Carolina, including environmental cleanup, waste management, safeguards and security, as well as nuclear reactors and weapons.

Before joining the Department of Energy, she worked with Georgia Power Company as a system engineering specialist from 1987 to 1989. At Georgia Power, Ms. Roberson focused on maintenance, testing, upgrades and performance reliability of electrical and mechanical plant systems and equipment. She has extensive experience in nuclear reactor operations and successfully completed the testing requirements for reactor operations with E. I. DuPont in 1982. Later with DuPont she trained nuclear reactor operators and supervisors in both nuclear and field operations. Before leaving DuPont in 1987 Ms. Roberson worked as a nuclear reactor operations manager at several sites.

From 1977 to 1980, Ms. Roberson completed work assignments as a student engineer for Westinghouse at the Clinch River Breeder Reactor in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and the Nuclear Center in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Ms. Roberson received a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee.