Mike Anastasio

Dr. Michael R. Anastasio is currently serving on the Defense Department Defense Science Board, as a Special Advisor to the Commander of the United States Strategic Command, as a Member of the Corporation of the Draper Laboratory, as a Member of the Board of Governors for Los Alamos National Security, LLC and Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, as a Member of the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board Task Force on the National Laboratories, and as a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Peer Review and Design Competition in the NNSA National Security Laboratories. He has also served on other boards and committees including the State Department International Security Advisory Board, the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science & Technology for Countering Terrorism, the California Council on Science and Technology, and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Nanotechnology.

Dr. Anastasio is the former Director of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), retiring in 2011. LANL applies science and technology to the certification of the U.S. nuclear deterrent; the reduction of global threats; advancing energy security; and the solution of other emerging national security challenges. Dr. Anastasio is also the former Director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), the only person to ever hold both positions.

He began his career at LLNL as a physicist dealing with the science of nuclear weapons. During his tenure Dr. Anastasio was instrumental in the development and execution of the national Stockpile Stewardship Program, which uses fundamental science-based approach to sustain the safety, security, and reliability of America's nuclear weapons stockpile. He has served in the capacity of scientific adviser at the Department of Energy and has provided scientific advice to senior members of the government on various national security science issues.

Dr. Anastasio received his Ph.D. and M.A. in Theoretical Nuclear Physics from the State University of New York, Stony Brook and a B.A. in Physics, with Honors, from Johns Hopkins University and is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, National Physics Honor Society. In addition, he has received numerous commendations and is widely recognized for his leadership in national security science and the safe stewardship of nuclear weapons. He is the recipient of the DOE/NNSA Gold Medal, the Distinguished Alumni Award-SUNY Stony Brook, and the DOE Weapons Recognition of Excellence Award for technical leadership in nuclear design.