Charles McMillan to lead Los Alamos National Laboratory's Weapons Program

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Los Alamos, New Mexico, July 28, 2009— Charles McMillan has been appointed the new principal associate director for Weapons Programs at Los Alamos National Laboratory. McMillan succeeds Glenn Mara, who recently retired.

McMillan has been the Laboratory's associate director for weapons physics. In his new capacity, he will provide oversight and direction for the nuclear weapons program at Los Alamos to accomplish the Laboratory's core mission of ensuring the safety, reliability, and performance of the nation's nuclear deterrent.

"This is one of the most challenging and most important national security jobs at Los Alamos," said Laboratory Director Michael Anastasio. "Charlie brings the scientific background, technical innovation, and vision to lead the Laboratory's programs in the areas of sustaining the stockpile and providing a path to a 21st-century stockpile."

“I have great optimism for the future,” said McMillan. “This is a complicated time, but also a time of great opportunity for the program, an opportunity to work with the Administration to shape tomorrow’s nuclear security complex while effectively managing the nuclear stockpile along the way. The service we provide to the nation is just as important now as it ever was.”

McMillan has led the Laboratory’s Weapons Physics organization since 2006, when Los Alamos National Security, LLC, began managing the Laboratory. Prior to joining the Laboratory, McMillan served in a variety of research and management positions at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and physics from Columbia Union College and a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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