LANL names new head of Nuclear and High Hazard Operations

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, March 7, 2012—Following a national search, Charles Anderson has been selected as associate director for Nuclear and High Hazard Operations (ADNHHO). Anderson has been in the acting role since July 2011. Prior to the acting position he served as the deputy associate director in ADNHHO.

Anderson succeeds Bob McQuinn who now works for URS Corporation.

“Nothing is more important than the safety of our employees and the public, especially where nuclear and high hazard facilities are concerned,” said LANL Director Charlie McMillan. “Charlie Anderson has both the credentials and the experience to make sure we continue to place a very high value on safety.”

ADNHHO has a staff of some 575 employees, and a budget of $265 million. The organization includes nine assigned facility operations directors and four divisions: Safety Basis, Operations Support, Fire Protection, and Engineering Services.

“We have an exceptional team working hard to make sure we manage the risks associated with nuclear operations appropriately,” said Principle Associate Director for Operations and Business, Carl Beard. “Because of the direct impact on the safety of our people and our community, this is a critical position at the Laboratory, and we have every confidence that the ADNHHO team can and will deliver.”

ADNHHO has wide ranging responsibilities that include developing the safety bases for all LANL facilities, nuclear and non-nuclear, providing criticality safety analysis, fire protection services, engineering services and system engineering.

Anderson joined the Laboratory in 2009 as the deputy associate director in ADNHHO. Prior to that, he was the general manager of Nuclear Management Partners in the UK, URS Corp. He also held a variety of positions at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) including principal deputy assistant secretary of Environmental Management and deputy manager for Cleanup at DOE’s Savannah River Site.

Anderson holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.