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Mr. Keith Klein is a Senior Associate with Longenecker & Associates, a technical and management consulting company serving the nuclear, environmental management, science and defense sectors.

Prior to joining Longenecker & Associates, Mr. Klein retired from 35 years of Federal service in May 2007 where he last served as Manager of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) since 1999. In that position he was responsible for the Department's missions at the 586-square-mile Hanford Site, including cleanup of the environmental legacy from past 50 years of nuclear weapons materials production. Under his leadership, two of the site's most urgent risks were tackled and eliminated. Hanford's 2,100 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel – 80% of DOE's inventory – was safely packaged and moved out of water-filled basins along the Columbia River into secure, dry storage in 2004. Twelve tons of plutonium-bearing materials were safely stabilized and packaged for ultimate shipment off the Hanford Site.

In recognition of his leadership and accomplishments, President Bush conferred upon Mr. Klein the Distinguished Executive Rank Award – the nation's highest award for a civil servant – in 2001. He also received the Secretary of Energy's Gold Award in 2007 “in honor of and recognition of 34 years of exceptional and dedicated service to the Department of Energy and the Nation...” whose “...accomplishments set you apart as a unique and inspiring leader.”

Other career highlights include overcoming the final major hurdles to open the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant for disposal of the nation's transuranic waste as the Acting Manager of DOE's Carlsbad Office in 1999; and directing actions to dramatically accelerate cleanup and closure at Rocky Flats as the Deputy Manager of that DOE office. In prior positions at DOE Headquarters, Mr. Klein made significant contributions to environmental management, advanced reactor programs and a full suite of fuel cycle initiatives – including fuel reprocessing, breeder reactor fuels, new production reactor safety, “at-reactor” spent fuel storage, and deep geologic disposal. He has been widely recognized for his ability to successfully deal with a range of technical, legal and managerial challenges.

Mr. Klein has an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University. He is a native of Morgantown, West Virginia and has two children, Jessica and Michael, with wife Linda Klein.