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WELCOME DR. ANGELA CHAMBERS AS THE NEW NCSP MANAGER

Angela earned her doctorate in nuclear engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. She holds a Master of Science degree in nuclear engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Physics, both from the Ohio State University. She began her career at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant serving in the project management, decontamination and recovery, nuclear criticality safety, and non-destructive assay groups. Angela was a technical staff member and program lead for Los Alamos National Laboratory for 11 years, working for the Probabilistic Analysis Group and then for Weapons Systems Engineering where she had assembly design responsibility for the W78 and W88 systems. She has been involved with Nuclear Explosive Safety since joining NNSA in 2009 and is responsible for NES oversight within DOE and the DOE NES directives. As an Air Force Reservist, Angela instructs military and civilian first responders on nuclear and radiological incidents and the use of radiation detection instrumentation for DoD's Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Angela has two daughters: Trinity and Tristan Ivy-Mike.



**Dr. Angela Chambers
NCSP Manager**

**ABOUT THE NUCLEAR CRITICALITY SAFETY PROGRAM
(NCSP)**

History (Why the NCSP was Established):

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) [Recommendation 93-2 issued on March 23, 1993](#) addressed the need for a general-purpose critical experiment capability that would ensure safety in handling and storage of fissionable material. Subsequently, DNFSB [Recommendation 97-2 issued on May 19, 1997](#) addressed the need for improved criticality safety practices and programs to alleviate potential adverse impacts on safety and productivity of DOE operations. Recommendation 97-2 encompassed the ongoing Department activities of Recommendation 93-2 while broadening the scope to address important crosscutting safety activities needed to ensure nuclear criticality safety throughout the Complex. **The DOE Implementation plan for Board Recommendations 93-2 and 97-2 resulted in the establishment of the NCSP, and the ongoing criticality safety activities of the DOE have been performed under the NCSP that has been established per Board Recommendation 97-2.** To implement Recommendation 97-2 in an integrated fashion, DOE took steps to ensure stable funding for the important crosscutting safety activities required by the recommendation. Further, effective implementation of the 97-2 crosscutting criticality safety activities under the NCSP is important to the successful completion of other DOE programs, such as those programs which address Board Recommendations 97-1, 94-1, 94-4, and 95-2.

The NCSP is funded by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). They are supported by the Criticality Safety Support Group (CSSG) and the Nuclear Data Advisory Group (NDAG) regarding technical matters and by the Criticality Safety Coordinating Team (CSCT), consisting of Federal Criticality Safety Practitioners at the sites regarding DOE field criticality safety issues. Charters for the CSSG, NDAG, and the CSCT can be found on the NCSP website (<http://ncsp.llnl.gov/cssgMain.html>), and these support groups perform the technical support functions for the NCSP described inside.

Program Overview:

The [Mission and Vision for the NCSP](#) provides the planning basis for the next five to ten years for all funding and initiatives undertaken by the NCSP in five broad technical program elements that support identified goals. The NCSP and its initiatives are executed annually in a series of updates to a rolling Five-Year Plan. It also defines the values and operating culture of the NCSP and facilitates development of a coherent, integrated implementation plan. [The Five-Year Execution Plan](#) has been the plan to achieve the five-year vision of the NCSP and is developed/updated with the advice and assistance of experts appointed by the NCSP Manager or working under charters approved by the NCSP Manager. The five technical program elements are:

- Analytical Methods Information
- Information Preservation and Dissemination
- Integral Experiments
- Nuclear Data
- Training and Education

NCSP Website:
<http://ncsp.llnl.gov>

NCSP Accomplishments:
<http://ncsp.llnl.gov/accomplishmentsMain.html>

**DATES TO REMEMBER
FY2017**

- Jan 5, 2017 Request for Proposals distributed
- Feb 2, 2017 Written Proposals due
- Mar 14-15, 2017 NCSP Technical Program Review
- Jul 26, 2017 Budget Execution meeting
- Oct 1, 2017 FY18-22 Five Year Plan published

NCSP Planning Calendar: <http://ncsp.llnl.gov/planMain.html>

Hands-On Training & Education Course Dates

Two-week Practitioner Course Dates:

- Jan 30 – Feb 10, 2017
- Aug 14 – 25, 2017

One-week Manager Course Dates:

- Jan 9 – 13, 2017
- June 19 – 23, 2017

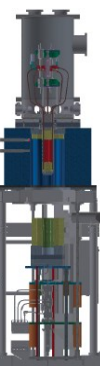
Course Registration: <http://ncsp.llnl.gov/classMain.html>

EXCITING NEWS

**KRUSTY - Kilopower Reactor Using Stirling Technology
A Joint NCSP/NASA Project**

Some KRUSTY Trivia:

- KRUSTY is a full-power nuclear test of a flight space reactor prototype, generating 1-10 kWe Kilopower.
- President Obama has a goal of putting men on Mars in 2030 for manned Mars missions and deep space science missions.
- KRUSTY is the first prototype space reactor to be designed and operated in over 50 years.
- NA-50/NCSP has the ball to execute KRUSTY criticals in FY17.
- NCSP mission overlap is to obtain high precision integral data.
- Experiments will be conducted in the National Criticality Experiments Research Center (NCERC) inside the NNSS's Device Assembly Facility (DAF).
- Scientists and other experts from the NNSS, NASA's Glenn Research Center, the Marshall Space Flight Center, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Y-12 National Security Complex are collaborating on an experiment with the goal of producing a small, safe, reliable nuclear reactor that can function as a power source for astronauts on the surface of Mars.



**CBS Las Vegas is broadcasting news stories on the KRUSTY Mission to Mars.
See the following links:**

<http://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/i-team-nuclear-reactor-test-in-nevada-could-make-a-mars-trip-reality>

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=f1c8d959-6831-43ac-9b1b-ff166c589ca8>



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