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Washington, DC—The Defense Nuclear Safety Board (Board) is pleased to announce that Mr. Christopher J. Roscetti is a recipient of a 2021 Meritorious Presidential Rank Award. Presidential Rank Awards recognize career members of the Senior Executive Service who have made lasting contributions to their agency and the Federal Government. A full list of the 2021 Presidential Rank Award recipients is available [here](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/senior-executive-service/presidential-rank-awards/2021/presidential-rank-awards-2021.pdf) <<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/senior-executive-service/presidential-rank-awards/2021/presidential-rank-awards-2021.pdf>>.

Mr. Roscetti serves as the Board's Technical Director, a post he has held since June 2018. In this role, he leads 65 scientists and engineers and directs the planning and execution of the technical nuclear safety oversight work that is central to the Board's mission. The Board's mission is to provide independent analysis, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy to inform the Secretary in providing adequate protection of public health and safety at defense nuclear facilities.

Mr. Roscetti was challenged during the pandemic to keep his team safe while at the same time keeping them engaged and motivated. Prior to the pandemic, the Board conducted a significant portion of its safety oversight work by traveling to various Department of Energy facilities in the defense nuclear complex. COVID-19 concerns precluded the normal way of doing business, and Mr. Roscetti skillfully coached his team to conduct business in a virtual environment without compromising quality, timeliness, or volume of work product. His efforts allowed the Board to continue to provide the Secretary of Energy with timely and appropriate information regarding the safety of the defense nuclear enterprise. Mr. Roscetti accomplished all this while simultaneously leading Agency efforts to stem attrition and bolster recruitment to meet the Board's human capital needs. As a result, the Agency hired a significant number of new employees during the pandemic.

Mr. Roscetti joined the Board in 2007 and has served in several leadership roles within the Office of the Technical Director as well as worked in the Office of the General Manager. Prior to his work at the Board, Mr. Roscetti served as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Roscetti earned a Master of Engineering degree in Reliability Engineering from the University of Maryland, a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Maryland, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering from the United States Naval Academy.