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Before joining DoE, Boyle was a geotechnical engineer for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of High-Level Waste Management, where he reviewed YMSCO activities for design of the
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From 1985–1992, Boyle participated in site characterization and design activities for proposed repositories at Yucca Mountain, Nevada; Hanford, Washington; and Deaf Smith County, Texas. He also has worked on characterization for and analysis of underground excavations in California, Canada, Finland, and Japan. Boyle also participated in characterization and analysis of large rock sculptures at Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota, and Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Boyle holds a doctorate and a master’s degree in civil engineering from UC Berkeley. He is the author of numerous reports and publications for international symposiums and refereed journals.

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**Michael May** received his B.A. in physics and mathematics from Whitman College in 1944 and his Ph. D. in physics from UC Berkeley in 1952. He spent most of his career at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), serving as director of the laboratory from 1965 to 1971. His research work there centered on nuclear explosion theory; nuclear weapons design; radiation transfer; and astrophysics and general relativity. In addition, Professor May taught graduate science courses in the Department of Applied Science at Livermore, a part of the School of Engineering of the University of California at Davis. In the 1980s, Professor May designed and managed an in-house advanced research program at the laboratory structured to provide opportunities for research into new areas of relevance in the Department of Energy’s main areas of responsibility. He retired from LLNL in 1988.

Starting in 1972, Professor May became involved in strategic arms control. May served as a technical representative on the Threshold Test Ban Treaty negotiating team in Moscow in 1974, then as a member of the U.S. delegation to SALT, in Geneva from 1974 to 1976. He has continued to work on arms control through advisory committees to government and through his own academic publications.

May became associated with Stanford University in 1990, Since then his work has focused on two areas, nuclear weapons policy issues and the extent and impact of energy growth in East Asia, especially in China. For the past several years, May and collaborators have studied China’s electricity sector at the provincial level. May served as co-director of the Center for International Security and Cooperation in Stanford’s Institute of International Studies from 1993 through 1999, during which time he initiated or collaborated on a number of new projects bridging the science and security areas.
Professor May has been a member of the Defense Science Board and other government advisory groups, chairing studies on the deployment of strategic nuclear weapons systems, the utility of lasers in space, and other matters. He was a trustee of the Rand Corporation (1972–93) and a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on International Security and Arms Control (1985–95). Professor May received the Department of Defense's Distinguished Public Service Award in 1979; its Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1975; the Atomic Energy Commission's Ernest Orlando Lawrence Memorial Award in 1970; and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Whitman College. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

Joseph R. McGhee is a former foreign service officer with over twenty years of experience in international affairs. As IGCC's Washington representative, McGhee works to increase IGCC's profile within the policy community and serves as IGCC’s liaison in Washington, D.C. He designs, implements, and manages IGCC outreach activities, programs, and fundraising initiatives in Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Congress, government agencies, nongovernmental and other organizations, academic institutions, and other foreign policy-related organizations. McGhee also identifies and develops funding sources for UC system-wide fellowships, projects, and programs.

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Robert Powell is Robson Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley. He is the author of numerous works on international relations, most recently In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics (Princeton U. Press, 1999). Powell’s current research focuses on the study of continuing conflicts throughout the world. He is an expert on the application of game theory to nuclear deterrence.

Stan Prussin is Professor of Nuclear Engineering at UC Berkeley, where he has taught since 1966. He teaches the department’s courses in nuclear physics for applications and shares in the teaching of the Nuclear Instrumentation Laboratory. Prof. Prussin’s research interests are in the areas of low-energy nuclear physics and the use of nuclear methods and instrumentation for the solution of applied problems, with current emphasis on nuclear medicine and allied technologies. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Michigan and is a past recipient of the Humboldt Senior Scientist Award.

Robert Rauchhaus’ research and teaching interests include international relations theory, security studies, American foreign policy, and conflict management. His expertise in security studies stems from his academic training, as well as practical experience that he gained from military service and work in the defense industry. Prior to joining the faculty at UCSB, Rauchhaus was a management consultant with McKinsey and Company, Inc. (2000–02) and a Post-doctoral fellow at the Center of International Studies at Princeton University (2002–03). He is currently writing several papers and developing a book manuscript on the use of coercion and mediation to manage violent conflicts. His research employs game theory, statistics, and case studies.

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Smith originally joined the faculty of UC Berkeley in 1960, after receiving a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from MIT. Dr. Smith has published extensively on the optimal control of exotic nuclear systems and on the interaction of radiation with surfaces, including ion implantation of silicon. He retired as professor and chairman of the Department of Applied Science in 1976 in order to pursue his interests in managerial consulting and entrepreneurial ventures. The Palmer Smith Corporation, a consulting firm specializing in management of high technology programs, was established and retained by many top defense contractors. He was one of the early principals of SAIC, RDALogicon, and Swerling, Manasse, and Smith. Dr. Smith also serves on the Goldman School of Public Policy Dean’s Board of Advisors.