

# Van Leuven named president of Fluor Hanford

Dave Van Leuven assumed leadership of the Fluor Hanford team as president and chief executive officer after an announcement of his promotion last Wednesday by Ron Oakley, Fluor Corporation's group executive for the Government Services group. Van Leuven had been the company's chief operating officer for the past four years. He succeeds Keith Thomson, who retired last month, and he will report to Ron Hanson, who heads Fluor's energy business line and is executive sponsor for Hanford activities.

Oakley said Van Leuven's appointment is one of many key changes Fluor Hanford is making to focus on accelerating closure at the site, and he praised Van Leuven's performance as chief operating officer. "Dave's leadership was key to our making unprecedented progress in cleaning up some of the world's most dangerous nuclear and chemical waste," Oakley said. Van Leuven has been working with his senior management team to streamline the reporting structure and align roles and responsibilities with the company's revised contract and performance incentives.

Van Leuven has more than 30 years of experience with DOE programs, including environmental restoration projects, nuclear power-plant operations and plutonium fabrication and processing. Before joining Fluor in 1996, he was president of Waste Management Federal Services of Hanford, Inc., and his previous experience included senior-management positions at Rocky Flats in Colorado and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls.

Van Leuven received Naval nuclear-reactor training under the direction of Admiral Hyman Rickover, and he holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Washington.

"I am very pleased to have been given this opportunity to lead the Fluor Hanford team," said Van Leuven. "We have extremely talented and innovative people who are totally committed to getting the site cleaned up as safely and as quickly as possible." ■



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