

## The French-American Foundation – France

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is very pleased to invite you to a dinner, in English, on:

## Ensuring a Safe and Secure Nuclear Energy Renaissance: Benefits of Franco-American Partnerships

In the honor of:

**The Honorable Dale E. Klein**, Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

*And*

**The Honorable Dennis R. Spurgeon**, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

*They will be participating in discussions with:*

**François-Michel Gonnot**, French Member of Parliament and Chairman of the ANDRA, National Radioactive waste Management Agency.

*And*

**Olivier Caron**, Head of Strategy and External Relations, CEA (Nuclear Energy Commission.)

**Wednesday, October 15, 2008  
19h30 – 22h30**

**At the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée**  
33, rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré 75008 Paris  
Métro Station: Concorde

**Proper attire required.** Please note that a **tie is mandatory** for men to enter the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée.

## Registration

Please RSVP by Email: [benjamin.thibault@french-american.org](mailto:benjamin.thibault@french-american.org), or Fax: 01.45.77.40.71

For further information contact Benjamin Thibault: Tel: 01.45.77.31.73

***Registration is compulsory as seating is limited***

First Name and Last Name.....

Title.....

Organization/Company.....

Tel.....

Email.....

will attend

The October 15, 2008 dinner.

will not attend

### Registration Fees.

**Members FAF-France :**            **100 €** (Members must have subscribed for 2008 to take advantage of the reduced price – Subscription for 2008 paralleling registration for the dinner is welcome.)

**Non-members :**                    **150 €**

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Please note however that **registration will only be confirmed after the according payment is received.**  
to the following address: FAF-France 21, bd de Grenelle 75015 Paris.

As seating is limited, **we will give priority to registration with payments** over other registrations.

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## **Biographies:**

### **Dale E. Klein**



Dr. Dale Klein became Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in July 2006, after his nomination by President George W. Bush and confirmation by the Senate.

As Chairman, Dr. Klein is the principal executive officer of and the official spokesman for the NRC. He is responsible for conducting the administrative, organizational, long-range planning, budgetary, and certain personnel functions of the agency. The Chairman has ultimate authority for all NRC functions pertaining to an emergency involving an NRC licensee.

Before his appointment, Dr. Klein was the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs. In this position, he served as the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology for all policy and planning matters related to nuclear weapons, and nuclear, chemical and biological defense.

Previously, Dr. Klein served as the Vice-Chancellor for Special Engineering Programs at the University of Texas System and as a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering (Nuclear Program) at the University of Texas at Austin. During his tenure at the university, Dr. Klein was Director of the Nuclear Engineering Teaching Laboratory; Deputy Director of the Center for Energy Studies; and Associate Dean for Research and Administration in the College of Engineering. During his tenure, Dr. Klein received more than \$50 million in research funding, equipment and educational support. He was also an active member of several Department of Energy national committees, including the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee, and the Chairman and Executive Director of the Amarillo National Research Center.

Honors and awards Dr. Klein has received include: Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Nuclear Society; the Joe J. King Professional Engineering Achievement Award; Engineer of the Year for the State of Texas; the University of Missouri Faculty-Alumni Award; and the University of Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering.

A native of Missouri, Dr. Klein holds a bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering and a doctorate in nuclear engineering, all from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has published more than 100 technical papers and reports, and co-edited one book. He has made more than 300 presentations on energy and has written numerous technical editorials on energy issues that have been published in major newspapers throughout the United States.

## Assistant Secretary of Nuclear Energy Dennis R. Spurgeon



Dennis Spurgeon was sworn in on April 3, 2006, as the first Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy (NE) at the Department of Energy in more than a decade. In this capacity, Mr. Spurgeon is the senior nuclear technology official in the U.S. Government.

Mr. Spurgeon is responsible for the Department's nuclear energy enterprise, including nuclear technology research and development, management of the Department's nuclear technology infrastructure, and support to nuclear education in the United States. NE's nuclear technology infrastructure is comprised of hot cells, test reactors, accelerators and other highly specialized facilities that support nuclear research and development, materials testing, and production of isotopes for medicine and radioisotope power systems for space and national security users. He is responsible for execution of a \$536 million annual federal budget (FY 2006).

Mr. Spurgeon leads the recently-announced Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, a comprehensive strategy aimed at accelerating the demonstration of a more proliferation resistant closed fuel cycle and bringing the benefits of nuclear energy to the world in a safer and more secure manner, reducing the possibility that nuclear energy could be used for non-peaceful purposes. GNEP is part of the President's *Advanced Energy Initiative*.

Most recently, Assistant Secretary Spurgeon served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Office for USEC, Inc. an international supplier of enriched uranium for nuclear plants. Prior to that, he served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and principal owner of Swiftships, an international leader in shipbuilding for commercial and military markets.

Assistant Secretary Spurgeon held posts in the Ford administration, including an assignment as Assistant Director for Fuel Cycle in the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration. He was a member of the White House task force that developed President Ford's nuclear policy. Earlier in his career, as a U.S. Naval officer, he served as technical assistant to Commissioner Tommy Thompson and later to Dr. Glenn Seaborg, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and predecessor agency of the department.

He also held executive positions at the former United Nuclear Corporation, where as Chief Operating Officer he managed the manufacturing of reactor cores for the Navy and operation of the Department's former N-reactor, located at the Hanford Reservation. He previously worked for the General Atomic Company, where he assisted in the development of nuclear reactor plants for electric power generation. He served in the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of Captain.

Mr. Spurgeon graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds a Masters of Science in nuclear engineering and the degree of Nuclear Engineer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

# Michel-François Gonnot



## Public life

Député of Oise (1988–1997 and since 2002).  
Vice-president of the Conseil régional de Picardie (1985-2001)  
Vice-president of the Conseil général de l'Oise (1998-2002)  
Deputy Mayor of Compiègne (1983-2008)  
Former president of the Oise OPAC (2001-2004)  
President of the « Energy and Development » (Energie et Développement) Club  
President of « Future for transportation » (Avenir-Transports) (since 2007)

## Activities as Member of Parliament (National Assembly).

President of the Commission on Production of exchanges (Production et des échanges) de l'Assemblée nationale (1994-1997)  
Vice-President of the study group on Energies.  
Rapporteur of the Energy Markets, of the January 3rd, 2003, on Energy Markets.  
President of the Information Mission on the future for the Air Transportation  
Rapporteur of the Information Mission on Air Safety  
President of the France-REpublic of Congo friendship group.

## Professional life

President of National Agency for Radioactive Waste Management (Agence nationale pour la gestion des déchets radioactifs – ANDRA) since 2005).  
Consultant for firms (since 1998)  
Editor and director of the “*Oil and Gaz letter*” (1986-1987).  
Deputy-Chief Editor of the *Quotidien de Paris* (1976-1978).  
Journalist at *Combat* (1972-1974).

## Education

B.A in Public Law en (Paris II).  
Former student at l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. (Sciences Po Paris)  
Graduate from the Institut Français de presse (Paris).

## Author of:

<u>Savoir Voter</u>	(Stock – 1973)
<u>De l'autre coté de la politique</u>	( Dumerchez – 1988)
<u>L'écologie racontée aux enfants</u>	(Delville – 1992)
<u>Au cœur de la vie</u>	(Dumerchez – 1996)

## Olivier Caron



Born in 1960, Olivier Caron is a Graduate from the Ecole nationale d'administration (ENA) and from the Institut d'études politiques (IEP) de Paris.  
He is presently Head of the Strategy and External Relations Departments at the French Nuclear Energy Commission.

He enters in the Foreign Ministry in 1986 and serves at the French Embassy in Addis-abeba where is in charge of the liaison with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. In 1988, he joins the Sub-direction on Disarmament at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Where he follows chemical and conventional disarmament affairs. In 1991, he enters at the financial and budgetary bureau.

IN 1993, Olivier Caron joins the French Embassy in the Netherlands, where he represents France at the preparatory commission of the international Organization for the prohibition of chemical weapons

From 1995 to 1999, he becomes advisor on political and military affairs at the French American Embassy in the U.S.

In 1999, he's promoted as sub-director, in charge of disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation. In 2002, he entered the Prime Minister cabinet as the technical adviser in charge of defense and strategic affairs.

The Strategy and external relation department of the CEA encapsulates the Direction of Programs, the Direction of International Relations, the Direction of communication and Sustainable Development Mission, as well as the G8 Global Partnership program. Olivier Caron, is in Parallel the Director of International Relations.