

Biographical Information for Harold D. Bengelsdorf

Harold D. Bengelsdorf is a consultant with an active practice and extensive experience in dealing with international nuclear policy and non-proliferation issues. A former U.S. governmental official, he held senior positions with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, the Energy Research and Development Agency, the U.S. Mission to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Energy. This included the posts of Assistant Director of the division of International Affairs of the USAEC, the Director of the USAEC Arms Control Office, Senior Advisor (in Vienna, Austria) to the U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State (OES), as well as the Senior office director in the Department of State and subsequently in DOE for dealing with international nuclear and non-proliferation negotiations of both a bilateral and multi-lateral character. This included the negotiation of several bilateral agreements for cooperation concerning the civil uses of atomic energy as well as the development of the IAEA safeguards arrangements (IFCIRC/153) to implement the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

In addition, he was extensively involved in a number of White House or National Security Council reviews in the arms control and nuclear policy areas. These included special assignments to the National Security Council for a review of U.S. policy towards nuclear weapons testing as well as to the White House for a presidential review of U.S. non-proliferation policy. Mr. Bengelsdorf received a number of commendations and awards during his Federal career including the Secretary of Energy's Distinguished Career Service Award in 1982. As a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service (SES), he received competitively awarded bonuses every year while in that service.

He retired from the Federal Government in 1982 and has been engaged in consulting in the civil nuclear and non-proliferation area ever since. For several years he was a Vice President for International Energy Associates, Limited and its successor companies (ERC and the Ogden Corporation), where he headed the international consulting groups in those companies. More recently, he has become a Principal and Manager of the consulting firm, Bengelsdorf, McGoldrick and Associates, LLC. As a consultant, Mr. Bengelsdorf has been very active in dealing with international nuclear policy issues and has worked for several international clients in Japan and Western Europe as well as a support contractor to various Federal agencies or U.S. national laboratories.

He holds an AB degree (magna cum laude) from Syracuse University and an MPA degree from the Maxwell Graduate School for Citizenship and Public Affairs. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Nuclear Society, the U.S. Arms Control Association, and is a Senior Councilor of the Atlantic Council of the United States. For several years he was on the advisory committee to the State Department's Bureau of Oceans, Environmental and Scientific Affairs. In addition, he is currently serving on the Washington Advisory Committee to Syracuse University.

In 1995, Mr. Bengelsdorf served as the Rapporteur of the special study, which was sponsored by the American Nuclear Society, on "The Protection and Management of Plutonium." This study was conducted by an international panel under the leadership of Dr. Glenn Seaborg, the discoverer of plutonium. More recently, he has been on special panels of the U.S. Center for Strategic and International Studies, which have assessed the adequacy of U.S. policies concerning the disposition of excess weapons plutonium as well as the adequacy of the global regime for managing nuclear materials. He is also a member of the Special Task Force for DOE that is evaluating technological opportunities for increasing the proliferation resistance of global nuclear power systems (TOPS).

Mr. Bengelsdorf holds a Q clearance with the Department of Energy Headquarters office in Washington, D.C.