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**R. BRUCE LABOON OF TEXAS NAMED BY WHITE HOUSE  
TO NATIONAL URBAN AIR TOXICS RESEARCH CENTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Yesterday, the White House announced President Bush's intent to appoint R. Bruce LaBoon of Texas to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center (the NUATRC). The NUATRC is a national center located in the Texas Medical Center that Congress authorized to conduct air quality public health research. The purpose of the NUATRC funded research is to provide sound scientific information regarding the impact of air toxics exposures on public health. The Center has a proven track record of producing high quality research conducted by leading national experts.

Currently, the NUATRC is conducting the Houston Exposure to Air Toxics Study (HEATS), the largest air toxics data studies ever undertaken in Houston, which will help officials better understand how air toxics that people breathe compare to air toxics measured at stationary air pollution monitors. "Since the effects of air toxics are highly localized, it is critical that public policy decisions to protect public health are based on thorough analyses of *human exposure* to air toxics. I look forward to working as a member of the NUATRC Board to fulfill the Center's mission as authorized by Congress" remarked LaBoon.

Bruce LaBoon, currently with the firm of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, has been practicing in corporate, banking, public law, and active in promoting air quality research for over forty years. Mr. LaBoon has offices in both Houston and Austin. He has extensive experience in working to address air quality issues in Texas from his time as Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership as well as the Texas Environmental Research Consortium.

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