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## THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced his intention to nominate James L. Liverman, of Rockville, Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator of Energy Research and Development for Environment and Safety. This is a new position in the Energy Research and Development Administration created by Public Law 93-438 of October 11, 1974.

Upon the creation of the Energy Research and Development Administration, in February of 1975, Dr. Liverman became the Director of the Division of Biomedical and Environment Research and Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environment and Safety. From 1972 to 1974, he was Director of the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research and Assistant General Manager for Biomedical and Environmental Research and Safety Programs for the Atomic Energy Commission. In 1964, he joined the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as Associate Director for Biomedical and Environmental Sciences, serving until 1972. He was Chief of the Biology Branch of the Division of Biology and Medicine for the Atomic Energy Commission from 1958 to 1964. He held the positions of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor at Texas A & M University from 1953 to 1960.

Dr. Liverman was born on August 17, 1921, in Brady, Texas. He received his B.S. degree from Texas A.& M University in 1949 and his Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1952. He was a Post-Doctoral Fellow from July, 1952, to November, 1953, at the California Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Army Air Force from March, 1942, to December, 1945.

Dr. Liverman is married to the former Mary Jane Creech and they have five children.