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Stuart E. Hunt Named Carlsbad Area Office Counsel

CARLSBAD, N.M., May 31, 2000 -- Stuart E. Hunt has been named Area Office Counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office. In this position, Hunt will work closely with state and federal regulators to address issues that impact the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). He will also supervise other legal matters for the Carlsbad Area Office, including contract and employment issues.

Hunt earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and a juris doctor, with honors, from the National Law Center at George Washington University. He was a partner in the law firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Washington, D.C., prior to accepting the position in Carlsbad.

Hunt served as attorney/advisor to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Monitoring from 1984-88, where he worked on a wide range of environmental and regulatory issues including prosecuting cost recovery actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, or "Superfund."

"Stuart has vast experience in the areas of regulatory compliance and environmental law," said Dr. Inés Triay, Manager of the Carlsbad Area Office. "He will be a dynamic contributor to our organization."

Hunt and his wife Katy have two daughters, Seanna and Kit, who will attend Riverside Elementary School.