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Don Harward Joins WIPP as Manager of Radiological Control and Emergency Preparedness

CARLSBAD, N.M., May 12, 2000 – The Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division (WID) has named Don Harward as manager of Radiological Control and Emergency Preparedness at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

Westinghouse is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Area Office at WIPP.

"Don comes to the division with many years of experience in radiation safety and emergency preparedness. His expertise will be an asset to WIPP as we prepare for increased waste receipt," said WID General Manager Joe Epstein.

Harward's area of responsibility includes operational health physics, emergency planning, radiological technology and dosimetry. His group is primarily responsible for implementing the necessary controls and procedures to ensure the safety of personnel who work with radioactive waste. Also reporting to Harward are fire protection, medical response, and other on-site emergency personnel.

Harward earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Utah. He worked for 14 years in radiation safety at the Naval Reactors Facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, and also managed the industrial hygiene, fire protection and emergency preparedness functions at the Westinghouse West Valley Nuclear Services Company in New York.

Harward comes to WID from the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site near Golden, Colorado, where he was the site radiation safety manager. A 29-year Westinghouse veteran, Harward said he is impressed with the WIPP facility and the "good morale and spirit" of its employees. He and his wife, Luisa, live in Carlsbad.