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Westinghouse Announces Managerial Appointments

CARLSBAD, N.M., September 6, 2001 -- Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) has announced three management appointments in its Environment, Safety, and Health Department at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). WTS is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy at WIPP.

Donald J. Harward

Donald J. Harward has been named Deputy Manager of the department. He also is project leader for the WIPP Air Monitoring Improvement Team.

A native of Spanish Fork, Utah, Harward holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Utah. He had been Manager of the Radiation Safety and Emergency Management Section, also in the Environment, Safety, and Health Department.

Prior to transferring to WIPP last year, Harward was Radiological Control Manager for Safe Sites of Colorado, a U.S. Department of Energy contractor at DOE's Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site near Denver.

David R. Kump

David R. Kump succeeds Harward as Manager of Radiation Safety and Emergency Management. In that position he will provide radiological engineering and dosimetry support for WIPP operations.

As the manager responsible for radiological engineering support for the site and for emergency preparedness, Kump will ensure that WIPP is prepared and equipped to respond to site emergencies.

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A native of Butte, Montana, Kump holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental engineering from the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology. He has been employed at WIPP since 1985.

Tommy J. Ferguson

Tommy J. Ferguson has been appointed Manager of Industrial Safety and Hygiene. He is responsible for major safety programs at WIPP, reducing incident and accident rates, and ensuring a safe work environment.

He also will oversee and integrate health services with industrial safety and hygiene programs for WTS. Prior to assuming this position, he was Manager of Oversight Programs in the Quality Assurance Department.

Ferguson is a native of Carlsbad. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, and he has been employed by Westinghouse at WIPP for the past 14 years.

WIPP, a cornerstone of DOE's cleanup effort, is the nation's first repository for the permanent disposal of defense-generated transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of nuclear weapons.

Located in Southeast New Mexico, 26 miles east of Carlsbad, project facilities include disposal rooms excavated in an ancient, stable salt formation 2,150 feet (almost one-half mile) underground. Waste disposal operations began at WIPP March 26, 1999.

Transuranic waste consists of clothing, tools, rags, debris, residues, and other disposable items contaminated with radioactive elements, mostly plutonium.

For more information about WIPP, call 1-800-336-9477, or visit the WIPP Web site at <http://www.wipp.carlsbad.nm.us>.