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Westinghouse Selects Bill Keeley To Lead Strategic Planning and Communication

CARLSBAD, N.M., August 9, 2001 – Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) has appointed Bill Keeley to lead the integrated functions of Strategic Planning and Communication at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

WTS is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office at WIPP.

"Bill Keeley's new assignment takes full advantage of his capabilities to lead our strategic planning and organizational development efforts," said John Lee, WTS President and General Manager. "His career experience spans the commercial nuclear industry, human resources functions, as well as strategic business improvement. Bill has made important contributions to our success at WIPP."

As manager for Strategic Planning and Communication, Keeley is responsible for merging WTS strategic planning, employee communication, and public outreach programs in support of DOE's commitment to operate WIPP in a safe and productive manner. During 12 years with Westinghouse at WIPP, Keeley has managed employee training and development; employee communication; technology transfer and economic development; strategic planning and business improvement.

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Keeley pioneered the unique web-based Knowledge Transfer Program (T2ED.com) for the DOE Carlsbad Field Office. Through this initiative, thousands of organizations locally, nationally, and internationally are using training courses and assessment tools created at WIPP and offered to the public free of charge.

Keeley has an undergraduate degree in history from Eastern Illinois University. He has completed graduate work in history and education at Eastern Illinois University and New Mexico State University. Currently, Keeley is enrolled in graduate studies in organizational behavior through the University of London, United Kingdom.

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 southeastern 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>.