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Washington TRU Solutions LLC Announces New Name and New General Manager

CARLSBAD, N.M., January 14, 2003 – Washington Group International, Inc., today announced it has changed the name of Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC to Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS) and named Dr. Steven D. Warren as President and General Manager. Washington TRU Solutions is the management and operating contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The name change reflects increased corporate support and involvement in the day-to-day activities of the WIPP facility.

Dr. Warren brings 25 years of environmental management experience to his new position. Before coming to WIPP, he served as Washington Group's Project Director for the highly successful cleanup of DOE's Weldon Spring Site in Missouri. A former Army ordnance facility, the Weldon Spring Site contained large quantities of hazardous, high explosive and nuclear waste, requiring extensive waste characterization and innovative permitting solutions to address regulatory and environmental challenges. Dr. Warren led the site to Voluntary Protection Program Star status, DOE's highest rating for safety. Dr. Warren earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Southern California, followed by a masters of science degree in geological sciences and a doctorate in geochemistry from Columbia University. He and his wife, Beth, have two sons ages 17 and 21.

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In announcing the name change and appointment, Stephen Marchetti, Senior Vice President of Operations for Washington Group's Energy and Environment business unit said, "The name change establishes the project as part of our corporate family."

Elaborating on the selection of Dr. Warren, Marchetti said, "Steve's technical background and past experience in waste management, characterization and permitting made him the natural choice for this key position. More importantly, Steve brings a fresh approach to partnering with our stakeholders and clients. His personal dedication to excellence in everything he does will add to the existing success story at WIPP."

Dr. Warren replaces Mr. John Lee as President and General Manager. Mr. Lee is transitioning to a key operational assignment in Washington Group's Defense business unit.

Washington TRU Solution's parent company, Washington Group International, Inc., is one of the largest engineering, construction and operation firms in the United States with more than 30,000 employees and \$3.3 billion in annual sales.

WIPP, a cornerstone of the 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.

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