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Detwiler Resumes Position at DOE Headquarters

CARLSBAD, N.M., November 4, 2004 – R. Paul Detwiler, who has served as the acting manager of the U.S. Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office since January of this year, will return to Washington, D.C., to resume his position as special assistant to the Department's General Counsel. The Carlsbad Field Office directs the activities of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP).

Today, he issued the following statement: "It was an honor and privilege to work for the WIPP program, as it is critical to the cleanup of the Cold War's legacy. I am returning to Washington, D.C., to resume my position at DOE Headquarters and am looking forward to being with my wife, family and friends. WIPP will face many challenges in the coming years, and I am certain that my former colleagues will continue to meet these challenges successfully. I greatly enjoyed my time in Carlsbad and New Mexico, and hope to return often."

Lloyd Piper, deputy manager of the Carlsbad Field Office, will become acting manager of the field office effective November 5.

WIPP is the nation's solution for cleaning up defense-generated transuranic waste located at DOE sites across the country. Operational since March 1999, WIPP has received over 3,000 waste shipments, safely disposing more than 24,000 cubic meters of transuranic waste in the repository located nearly one-half mile underground.