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## **Carlsbad Field Office Employee To Serve in Iraq**

**CARLSBAD, N.M., March 10, 2004** – Dr. Gary Scott of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office has accepted a position as Regional Coordinator (Electricity Commission) with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Iraq.

"My mission is to support the reconstruction of Iraq by coordinating and implementing CPA policy at regional offices pertaining to the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical power throughout Iraq," said Scott.

On January 20, 2003, President Bush issued National Security Policy Directive No. 24, which directed executive branch agencies to support the CPA. Scott was recently notified that he will work on the staff of Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, administrator of the CPA.

"Although my decision to serve in this capacity has tremendous emotional impact on my wife and family," he said, "we agree that our sacrifice is the right approach to help the people of Iraq and bring our troops home."

Scott reports to Ft. Bliss, Texas, on April 11, 2004, and will arrive in Baghdad the following week. His tour of duty will be at least six months.

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"Everyone involved with our program is grateful for Dr. Scott's service to his country and to Iraq," said R. Paul Detwiler, Carlsbad Field Office acting manager. "We wish him well and anxiously await his safe return to his family and Carlsbad."

A Carlsbad resident since 1998, Scott was instrumental in introducing a new national program initiative and provided senior leadership that eventually elevated the Carlsbad Area Office to field office status in September of 2000.

Prior to joining the Coalition Provisional Authority as Regional Coordinator, he served as director of the National Border Technology Partnership Program (NBTPP), which leverages America's science and technology to solve energy, environmental and national security problems along the 2000-mile border between the United States and Mexico.