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## **DOE Names New Assistant Manager for Carlsbad Field Office**

**CARLSBAD, N.M., June 30, 2005** – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that Vernon Daub will be the new Assistant Manager for Operations at its Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO).

Daub will oversee the CBFO's disposal, characterization, transportation, and environmental compliance programs for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). His primary role is to assure that WIPP operations comply with the WIPP permit and that plant operations continue in a safe and protective manner.

"Dr. Inés Triay, chief operating officer of DOE's Environmental Management Program, said, "Vernon understands the complexities that face WIPP. He has the technical experience and the talent to move this project forward."

Daub, who has worked closely with the WIPP project for nearly 20 years, has extensive experience in radioactive and hazardous waste management and disposal. Prior to assuming his new position, Daub was the southern operations manager for Portage Environmental and served as senior manager for the Carlsbad Technical Assistance Contractor (CTAC). As senior manager, Daub was responsible for managing CTAC's programmatic oversight at the WIPP facility and at other DOE sites that transport transuranic waste to WIPP for disposal.

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Daub, a former DOE employee, worked in the Carlsbad Area Office from 1987 to 1995. He served in a number of positions, including WIPP transportation manager, testing and operations manager and Carlsbad Area Office deputy manager. The Carlsbad Area Office was elevated to field office status in 2000.

"The time was right for me to finish my career with DOE. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that this position offers," said Daub, who holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and masters' degrees in industrial engineering, environmental management and business administration. Daub begins his new duties July 11.

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 more than 3,500 waste shipments; safely disposing more than 29,500 cubic meters of transuranic waste in the repository located nearly one-half mile underground.