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Dr. Dave Moody to lead the Carlsbad Field Office

CARLSBAD, N.M., December 12, 2005 – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that long-time Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) scientist Dr. Dave Moody will be the new manager of the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO).

Moody began work December 12, filling the position that was previously held by Dr. Inés Triay, who currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer for DOE's Office of Environmental Management in Washington, D.C. "We're pleased to welcome Dr. Moody on board as manager of the Carlsbad office," says Triay. "He brings tremendous technical and managerial skill to the position. He is the right person to lead the program forward."

The CBFO manager provides overall direction for the National Transuranic Waste Program and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Moody's vision for CBFO is based on risk reduction. "We have to reduce risk associated with storing transuranic waste on the surface and in shallow trenches and pits at sites located around the nation. We need to put this waste in the safest place possible, which is 2,150 feet below ground at WIPP."

Moody has worked for LANL for more than 30 years, and has been the technical lead and deputy group leader at LANL's Carlsbad Operations office since April 2000. In that role, he has led the national effort to optimize shipments to WIPP and provided technical leadership for the acceleration efforts that were designed to reduce risk nationwide.

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“I have been fortunate to work with extremely good teams at LANL,” says Moody. “I’m looking forward to continuing a strong team approach with DOE staff, contractors, transuranic waste sites across the nation, the state of New Mexico and neighboring communities.”

His LANL experience also includes 15 years in Los Alamos, N.M. and 10 years at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Denver, Colo. Moody has a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of South Carolina and earned a doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Indiana University.

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 4,100 waste shipments; safely disposing more than 33,400 cubic meters of transuranic waste in the repository located nearly one-half mile underground.

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