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Vernon Daub Named Carlsbad Field Office Deputy Manager

CARLSBAD, N.M., November 29, 2007 – Vernon Daub has been named deputy manager of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO). Daub has been serving in that role on an interim basis since the retirement of Lloyd Piper in October.

“We are fortunate to have Vernon serve as CBFO deputy manager,” says CBFO Manager David Moody. “He has been an integral part of CBFO and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) for many years. His experience and expertise is unmatched.”

Most recently, Daub served as CBFO’s assistant manager for operations. Previously, he was the southern operations manager for Portage Environmental and served as senior manager for the CBFO Technical Assistance Contractor. From 1987 to 1995 he worked for the CBFO’s predecessor office, the Carlsbad Area Office. He served in numerous positions, including WIPP transportation manager, testing and operations manager and deputy manager.

“It’s a pleasure for me to serve in this new role,” says Daub. “CBFO and WIPP have a wealth of talented people and I am glad to continue working with them on a project that plays such an important part in the cleanup of our nation.”

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The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant is a U.S. Department of Energy facility designed to safely isolate defense-related transuranic waste from people and the environment. Waste temporarily stored at sites around the country is shipped to WIPP and permanently disposed in rooms mined out of an ancient salt formation 2,150 feet below the surface. WIPP, which began waste disposal operations in 1999, is located 26 miles outside of Carlsbad, N.M.

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