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CBFO selects National TRU Program Director

Carlsbad, N.M., April 5, 2007 – The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office announced today that Casey Gadbury will direct the National TRU Program (NTP). The DOE program was created in 2000 to integrate efforts to clean up and dispose of transuranic (TRU) defense wastes temporarily stored at waste generator sites around the country.

Gadbury will oversee waste characterization, certification and transportation processes at the generator sites to assure that permitted wastes are shipped to and disposed of at the Department's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. Gadbury will also supervise the TRU waste transportation system, including the carrier contracts, and assure that approved equipment and techniques used to characterize and certify wastes are compliant to maintain DOE certification.

"Casey brings extensive TRU waste management experience to this job and an in-depth knowledge of WIPP and our generator sites. I am delighted that he has accepted this key position," said Dr. Dave Moody, Carlsbad Field Office manager.

Gadbury began his DOE career as WIPP Waste Operations Program manager in 2000. He was responsible for all waste handling and radiological control/radiological safety programs at WIPP. Most recently, Gadbury served as team leader for NTP waste logistics, managing all facets of the TRU waste transportation system for the Carlsbad Field Office, including fabrication and maintenance of transportation containers, transportation of TRU waste to WIPP and work with transportation corridor states to develop safe shipping protocols.

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Gadbury has worked at WIPP for more than 17 years. As a DOE contractor, he began his WIPP career as a health physics technician. From the position, Gadbury was promoted to team leader in operational health physics and later served as a radiological engineer in the Radiation Safety Department.

“I am proud of the past accomplishments of the employees of WIPP and the National TRU Program. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges this new position offers,” said Gadbury, who holds a bachelor’s degree in Radiation Protection. Gadbury began his new duties on April 1.

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 March 1999, is located 26 miles outside of Carlsbad, N.M.

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