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Sharif Named New WTS General Manager

CARLSBAD, N.M., September 6, 2007 – Washington Group International announced today that Farok Sharif has been named president and general manager of Washington TRU Solutions LLC (WTS). WTS manages and operates the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Sharif's appointment was approved by DOE earlier this week. "We're pleased Farok has accepted this position. He has been a key partner in WIPP's success and I have full confidence in his ability to move the project forward," said Dr. Dave Moody, DOE Carlsbad Field Office manager.

Sharif's responsibilities include ensuring that all WIPP operations are performed in a safe, secure and cost-effective manner in strict compliance with environmental regulations. He will also provide executive oversight for other WTS work performed in support of the DOE National TRU Waste Program (NTP) mission, which includes waste characterization, certification and transportation.

"I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that this position offers. It's been my privilege to be a part of this remarkable project and resident of a community that supports and believes in it. We will continue to serve the Department of Energy and this nation by operating WIPP safely," said Sharif.

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Before being named president and general manager of WTS, Sharif served as deputy general manager of the company. He earlier served as assistant general manager for retrieval, characterization and transportation; TRU waste program manager and other key WTS management positions at WIPP. In addition, he was TRU waste program manager for West Valley Nuclear Services Company in New York, a Washington Group subsidiary.

Sharif has more than 17 years of experience in the nuclear waste management field. His key accomplishments include leading the development of the highly successful NTP Central Characterization Project, helping WIPP ramp up from 1-2 waste shipments processed a week to more than 30 per week, and helping to establish and sustain a world-class safety record at WIPP.

He holds a bachelors degree in operations research management and an MBA from New Mexico State University. He resides in Carlsbad with his wife and two children.

Sharif replaces Dick Raaz, who will head a Washington Group-led consortium of private firms to manage the United Kingdom's Drigg low-level waste site in west Cumbria.

WIPP is the world's first repository for the permanent disposal of defense-generated transuranic radioactive waste left from research and production of nuclear weapons and a cornerstone to the DOE national clean-up effort. Washington TRU Solutions has been the management and operating contractor for DOE at WIPP for more than 20 years.

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