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Carlsbad Field Office Manager Transition

CARLSBAD, N.M., September 7, 2010 – Dr. Dave Moody has been selected to lead DOE’s Office of Environmental Management at the Savannah River Site. Moody has served as DOE Carlsbad Field Office manager, which oversees the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), since December 2005. Under his leadership, WIPP achieved record waste disposal milestones. DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Dr. Ines Triay, herself a former CBFO manager, will initiate a nationwide search for Dr. Moody’s successor.

“WIPP is an extraordinary asset for DOE’s cleanup of former nuclear weapons sites around the country, and the CBFO manager must play an important role in continuing the WIPP project’s enormous success,” said Triay. “We will ensure Dr. Moody’s replacement has the highest qualifications and expertise and we will make the replacement as quickly as possible.”

During the transition period, DOE has detailed Ed Ziemianski from the Idaho National Laboratory to serve as interim acting manager of the Carlsbad Field Office. Ziemianski has managed the DOE’s efforts to characterize, certify and ship transuranic waste from the Idaho National Laboratory site for the past several years. That program has been the most productive and successful of all of the former weapons complex sites in terms of volumes of waste removed from the site and numbers of shipments made to WIPP.

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“Ed Ziemianski’s detail as acting manager will ensure program continuity,” said Triay. “Ed has my complete confidence and I am sure he will make the transition period smooth as we search for Dr. Moody’s successor.”

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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