

## WIPP Quick Facts

(As of 12-14-05)

**4,155**

Shipments received since opening

**33,802**

Cubic meters of waste disposed

**73,199**

Containers disposed in the underground

## WIPP Home Page address is changing

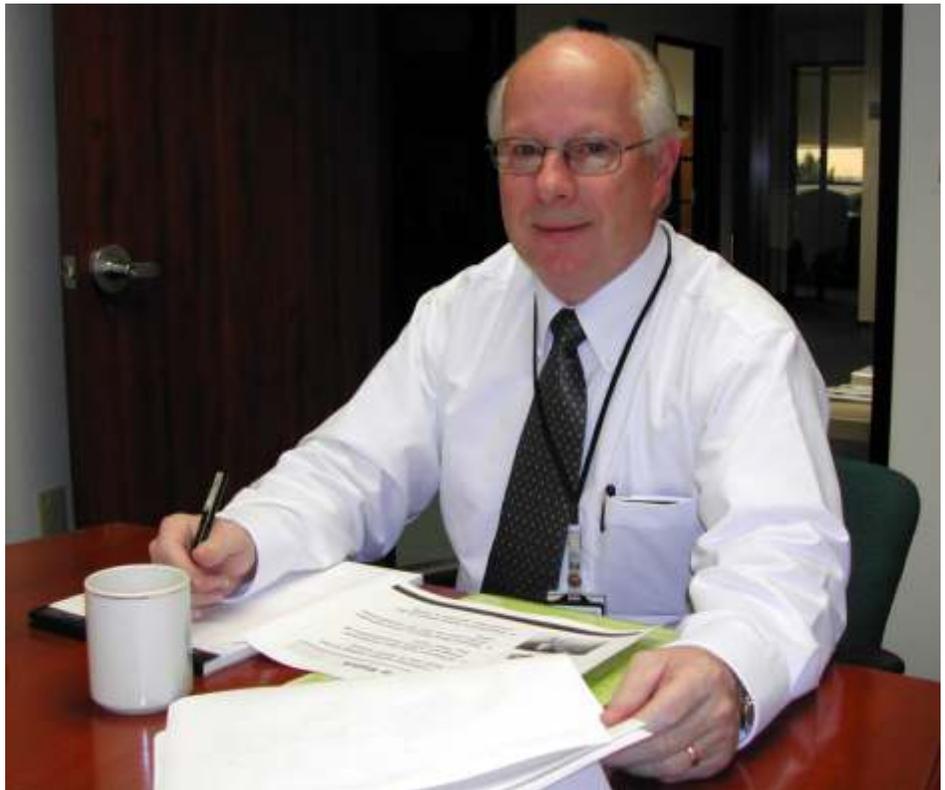
WIPP's address on the Internet is changing to meet an Office of Management and Budget requirement. Starting December 16, the WIPP Home Page's new address will be:

[www.wipp.energy.gov](http://www.wipp.energy.gov)

As always, TRU TeamWorks will be accessible from the main page.

## Dr. Dave Moody takes the helm at CBFO

Did Dave Moody think he would become CBFO manager when he arrived in Carlsbad in 2000? "No!" he exclaims with a laugh, "This was not my plan." In fact, the 30-year veteran of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) planned to retire from there, but that's not how it worked out.



Dr. Dave Moody, CBFO's new manager, at work this morning as the sun was still rising.

"I have been fortunate to work with extremely good teams at LANL. I thank LANL for providing the mentoring early in my career and a strong team environment throughout my career," reflects Moody. "I look forward to being a mentor and continuing a strong team approach with DOE staff, contractors, TRU waste sites, the state and the communities of southeast New Mexico."

On December 12, Moody became only the second person to hold the title CBFO manager since the DOE office was elevated to field office status. Having been the technical lead and deputy group leader for LANL's Carlsbad office for the last five years, Moody has no delusions about the challenges that lie ahead.

"We have to reduce risk associated with storing transuranic waste on the surface and in shallow trenches and pits at sites around the country," says Moody. "And it

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## Dave Moody at a glance

Title:  
CBFO manager

Previous position:  
Technical lead and deputy group leader for LANL-CB since April 2000

Education:  
Bachelors degree in chemistry from the University of South Carolina (1971); Doctorate in inorganic chemistry from Indiana University (1975)

Family:  
Wife Patricia and three children: Angela, Brian and Paula.

Personal:  
Dave says he enjoys carpentry, but the level of enjoyment and skill often don't match.

must be done efficiently." He envisions a busy year that includes:

- The Section 311/RH permit modification process
- Preparations for receiving remote-handled transuranic waste
- Negotiation with the state of New Mexico on the WIPP Central Confirmation Facility

To make all of this happen, Moody refers back to his team approach philosophy: "I don't need to do everything and I can't do everything. As a team, we will succeed."

Rising to the CBFO's top job isn't likely to change Moody one bit. "I've never had a position that changed fundamentally who I am. What I'm doing is what is changing, not who I am." So outside the WIPP arena, who is Dave Moody?

"I have three priorities, in this order: God, family, job," explains Moody. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children. The Moody's oldest daughter Angela and her husband Brian live in Colorado. Their son Brian is in the Marines and is stationed in Colorado.

The youngest member of the Moody household is six-year-old Paula. Moody and his wife were involved with foster care for infants at risk in Colorado. Paula became eligible for adoption just before the Moody's moved to Carlsbad. She had lived in their home for about a year, and there was no way they could let her leave the family. And so they worked with the courts to allow Paula to come with them to New Mexico until the adoption was finalized.

"Having a six-year-old at home is an experience," says Moody with a big grin. "I work long hours and will come in as early as I need to, but 6-8 p.m. is very important family time for me."

It seems that some of the best things in Dave Moody's life, both professionally and personally, may be those that were not planned.

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## TRU closure at Battelle

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Mobile loading and shipping  
from BCL



LANL-CB mobile loading team removing the outer lid from a TRUPACT-II.



The final CH shipment from BCL .



The first RH-72B cask shipment.



WIPP's waste handlers set a lid on an RH-72B at Battelle Columbus Laboratory.

Next week, the last scheduled remote-handled (RH) TRU waste shipment will depart Battelle Columbus Laboratory (BCL) in Ohio. This shipment marks the completion of a DOE milestone to remove all contact-handled (CH) and RH-TRU waste from BCL. In a collaborative effort between BCL, WTS, Los Alamos National Laboratory-Carlsbad Office (LANL-CB) and Duratek, the waste was prepared, packaged and certified for shipment to the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Preparations began months ago with the collection and review of acceptable knowledge data to ensure the waste configuration was in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations and the CH and/or RH package requirements.

The RH-72B shipments were packaged by WIPP's RH waste handlers and certified by LANL-CB's mobile loading unit operation's transportation certification official. CH waste shipment packaging and certification was performed by LANL-CB's mobile loading operations team, and services for the CNS 10-160B casks were provided by Duratek.

A team effort provided by organizations under the direction of DOE's CBFO can be credited for the addition of BCL to DOE's TRU waste site closure list. Brookhaven National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory are other sites where TRU waste cleanup was completed this calendar year.

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The city is working on a safe ride program for New Year's Eve. Please watch for details in the local media.

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#### Birthday Wishes to:

Joyce Harmon (WTS)  
December 15

Mike Strum (WTS)  
December 18

Karen Richardson (LANL)  
December 19

Lena Dominguez (WTS)  
December 20

Dave Moody (CBFO)  
December 21

Mel Balderrama (WRES)  
December 29

Bob Kehrman (WTS)  
December 29

John Ingram (WTS)  
December 30

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## This season: Plan like your life depends on it

The holiday season is typically filled with joy, but all too often that joy is shattered by drunk driving. In 2003, 513 people in the United States died in a traffic accident on Christmas day. As sad as that is, it is even more tragic that nearly 50 percent of them were alcohol-related. In that same year, 1,579 people died in alcohol-related traffic accidents between Thanksgiving and New Years Day.

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving web site provides fatality statistics that occur on holidays throughout the year. But our celebrations don't need to end this way.

"Plan like your life depends on it," says Cindy Sharif, the coordinator of the Eddy County DWI Program. "There are other options to drinking and driving."

If your holiday celebration does involve alcohol, Sharif recommends designating a driver in advance who will not be drinking. "The first thing alcohol does is impair your judgment." Making arrangements in advance is a simple solution that can save your life or the lives of innocent people on the road.

For all of our safety, local law enforcement will have extra patrols during this time period and will be strictly enforcing traffic, seat belt and especially alcohol laws.

Have a safe holiday season.

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## A Note from Santa



Please pass along my best wishes for the Holiday Season to the entire WIPP family. My visit each year to the children's party is a special time for this old elf! A team of outstanding "elves," (and you know who you are) pulled together to assure a special time for our children. The energy and care they put into the preparation for the party rivals the work of my staff at the Pole. As I arrived at the theater this year, the hugs I received from dozens of children were extra special.

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**Clarification from December 1  
edition of TRU TeamWorks:  
"Loaded RH-72B makes first trip"**

The RH-72B cask was originally designed by Nuclear Packaging (NuPac) under contract to DOE. The RH-72B cask design was based on a scale of the NuPac 125B cask that was designed and licensed to transport fuel debris from Three Mile Island to INEL.

While NuPac is no longer in business, some of the RH-72B design engineers are now employed by Packaging Technology and WTS.

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All of the children assured me that they had been good, and I assured them that I really do check my list, not once, but twice. The wish lists were filled with baby dolls, guitars, skateboards, bikes, bats, gloves, balls, go-carts, Barbies, X-Box 360s, video games, CD players, lap-tops and a few puppies and kittens. In past years, we have had requests for baby brothers and sisters and this year we seemed to have had a bit of a "baby boom" with lots of tiny ones. The Chatfield twins got into the spirit this year and are they a lap-full!

I'll let you in on a Santa secret – the children don't know it, but while I'm holding them, each one finds a very special place in my heart. One of these precious babes told me that she had given her hair to "Locks of Love," an act of love by a special little girl. Another young fellow, Theth [or was it Seth?], told me he wanted a "biThickle" for Christmas and I said, "No you don't! You want your TWO front teeth!" [Note to self, sounds like a good song lyric]

Mrs. Claus and I wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season.

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The U.S. Department of Energy  
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

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