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HANFORD DEPUTY MANAGER TAKES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HEADQUARTERS ASSIGNMENT

Ron Izatt, Deputy Manager of the Department of Energy's Richland Operations Office, will be appointed acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. He will replace Admiral Richard Guimond, who is retiring this fall. Izatt will begin his assignment after the Labor Day weekend.

As Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Izatt will report directly to Assistant Secretary Al Alm.

"Assistant Secretary Alm could not have made a better choice," said John Wagoner, DOE- Richland Operations Office Manager. "Ron has the energy, dedication, and creativity to make a real difference for the DOE complex. At Hanford, he has been instrumental in improving relationships with our regulators and stakeholders, lowering the cost of operations and preparing us for the very real change that comes with the Project Hanford Management Contract. We're grateful for his efforts and I look forward to working with him in his new capacity."

Izatt has been at Hanford for nearly 20 years. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Manager, he was acting Assistant Manager for Environmental Management. He has served as Deputy Assistant Manager for Environmental Management, Director of the Environmental Restoration Division, Director of the Waste Management Division, Director of the Basalt Waste Isolation Project Division, and in various management positions at the Richland Operations Office. He was the co-author and DOE's principle negotiator of the Tri-Party Agreement. "It's the DOE staff and Tri-Cities community that I'll miss the most," Izatt said. "The people here have made an indelible mark on me that I'll carry with me throughout my career. But I won't be saying goodbye -- I expect folks to come and see me in Washington!"

Lloyd Piper, Hanford's Assistant Manager for Facility Transition will become Acting Deputy Manager.

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