



**A MESSAGE FROM  
THE LABORATORY DIRECTOR**

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2006 was an exciting year for Brookhaven National Laboratory, and for me as well. In April, I was named Interim Director of the Laboratory, and was fortunate to witness many achievements throughout the year before being named Director that August following a nationwide search. In this new role, I believe the future for scientific research at the Lab looks very bright—with the newly constructed Center for Functional Nanomaterials, the planned National Synchrotron Light Source II project, and proposed enhancements to the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, we believe we will have the scientific tools to make some truly special advances in basic and applied science.

Our environmental performance in 2006 continued to be a success. We received three awards from the DOE Office of Science for Best in Class for expanding the envelope of our Environmental Management System through voluntary participation, designing a system to compost animal bedding, and for recycling and reusing waste concrete on site. In addition, BNL was honored with a National Partnership for Environmental Priorities Award for reducing both our mercury waste generation and our inventory of polychlorinated biphenyls. I am proud of these awards, because they show how successful we have been with our pollution prevention and recycling programs.

As we continue to move forward with our scientific enhancements, we also retain our commitment to the environment and our many communities. This book is an annual example of our efforts to remain a good and considerate neighbor whose operations are open and transparent.

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