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SENATOR ALLARD SALUTES ADMIRAL TRULY'S TENURE AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) said Tuesday that it has been a pleasure working with Admiral Richard Truly during the admiral's tenure as head of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Admiral Truly announced today he will be stepping down on November 1.

"Admiral Truly is an especially gifted individual, and I have enjoyed working with him to expand the renewable energy options available to Americans," Senator Allard said.

"The National Renewable Energy Lab has been lucky over the last seven years to benefit from Admiral Truly's guidance. The Laboratory is filled with bright, motivated and dedicated people, and I believe that is at least in part because all of those traits are personified in Admiral Truly," the Senator said.

"Since becoming director of the Laboratory in 1997, he has done an excellent job of being an advocate, both of the lab and of renewable energy sources as a whole. How many facilities around the country can boast that their director has been to space? That is where renewable energy sources, especially solar energy, first caught his eye," Senator Allard said.

"This man brought a wealth of experience to the job, and he lead the laboratory through new technologies, initiatives and policies. The Laboratory, and the country, have benefitted a great deal from his presence."