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**BUREAU OF PRISONS DIRECTOR HARLEY G. LAPPIN
ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RETIRE**

WASHINGTON – After more than 25 years of devoted service, Director Harley G. Lappin has decided to retire from the Bureau of Prisons effective May 7, 2011. During his eight years as director of the Bureau of Prisons, Mr. Lappin has played an important role in supporting the Department of Justice efforts to manage federal prisons that are safe and secure and provide prisoners with a range of programs to enable them to develop the skills needed for reentry into society.

Additionally, he has supported the department's initiatives involving immigration, drug and weapons prosecutions, and the nation's war on terror. Despite significant budget challenges during Director Lappin's tenure, the bureau has expanded and improved program offerings for inmates that enhance public safety. He championed the Inmate Skills Development Initiative, which substantially enhanced the bureau's efforts to effectively prepare inmates for a successful, crime-free return to the community at the completion of their sentences.

Director Lappin stated, "The highlight of each assignment during my bureau career was the people I worked with each and every day. They are the backbone of this agency. They are the reason for our success. I thank each and every one of them for their support and leadership."

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