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DOE SELECTS NEW PACIFIC NORTHWEST SITE OFFICE MANAGER

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today named Michael Weis as the manager of the Pacific Northwest Site Office (PNSO) in Richland, Washington. As the Site Office Manager, Mr. Weis will be responsible for providing operational and institutional stewardship and oversight of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), one of DOE's 17 world class national laboratories. Since 2004, Mr. Weis has served as Deputy Manager of the DOE's Richland Operations Office.

"Mike Weis has an outstanding track record as a manager for DOE and has over 20 years of engineering and management experience," said George Malosh, Chief Operating Officer of the DOE Office of Science. "His leadership skills will be valuable to the Office of Science, and we are pleased to have Mike as part of the Office of Science team."

Mr. Weis has been with DOE since 1995, when he joined the Rocky Flats Field Office and served in several positions including Assistant Manager for Performance Assessment. He also worked for DOE's Office of Environmental Management in Washington, D.C. headquarters and held several management positions including Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management.

Mr. Weis received his BS and MS degrees in Metallurgical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. He is a certified high school science teacher and taught chemistry and physics for three years at Ponderosa High School in Parker, Colorado where he was recognized for excellence in education by the county school board as a "Teacher Who Makes a Difference" from KCNC Channel 4 television in Denver. He served as a Boy Scout leader and as a governing board member of a charter school.

As PNSO Manager, Mr. Weis will oversee performance of PNNL which solves complex problems in energy, national security, life sciences and the environment by advancing the understanding of physics, chemistry, biology and computation. PNNL currently has approximately 4,200 staff members.

Mr. Weis replaces Julie Erickson, who has served as Acting Site Office Manager since October 2006.