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**DOE'S Carlsbad Area Office Reaches "1,000-Mark"
In Technology Transfer Program**

CARLSBAD, N.M., June 21 -- More than 1,000 companies, universities, government agencies and nonprofit organizations have used the Internet System on their computers to obtain, at no cost, taxpayer-funded technology developed through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Area Office. The Carlsbad Area Office administers the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and the National Transuranic Program.

Since revamping the technology transfer program in January 1995, the Carlsbad Area Office and the Westinghouse Waste Isolation Division have completed more than 1,000 technology transfer projects with businesses and organizations. Westinghouse is the management and operating contractor for the Carlsbad Area Office at the WIPP.

"We're getting smarter in terms of using the Internet to target potential customers and provide them with the information they need to apply for the transfers," said Patti Crockett of the Carlsbad Area Office. We now include the technology transfer applications with our Internet opportunity notices, which results in a nearly paperless process."

To put the numbers into perspective, the Carlsbad Area Office completed 201 technology transfer projects in all of 1995. Completing some 800 transfers in the first six months of 1996 demonstrates the positive impact the Internet is having on the program. Technology developed at the Carlsbad Area Office has been transferred to businesses, universities, and organizations in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

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"North Dakota is the only state in which businesses and organizations have yet to apply for our service," said George Dials, Manager of the Carlsbad Area Office. "We are not sure why this is the case, but our aggressive marketing via the Internet and through other means will eventually attract attention in that state as well."

The Carlsbad Area Office Technology Transfer Program is designed to promote economic development and competitiveness in the private sector, improve the quality of organizational operations, enhance education and training, and ensure maximum return on taxpayer investment. The technology, which consists mainly of training materials, technical manuals, and managerial tools developed at the Carlsbad Area Office, is available to organizations for nonexclusive commercialization or internal use at no cost.

Among the major organizations in the United States taking advantage of the program are: Proctor and Gamble (Cincinnati, OH); the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY); the University of Notre Dame (West Bend, IN); Duke University (Durham, NC); and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (Cambridge, MA).

Anyone interested in more information on Carlsbad Area Office technology transfer opportunities can call Bill Keeley at (505) 234-7594, or reach him through the Internet at keeleyb@wipp.carlsbad.nm.us.

The WIPP is designed to permanently dispose of transuranic radioactive waste left from the research and production of nuclear weapons. Located in southeastern New Mexico, 26 miles east of Carlsbad, project facilities include disposal rooms excavated in an ancient, stable salt formation, 2,150 feet (almost half a mile) underground. Transuranic waste consists of clothing, tools, rags, and other such items contaminated with trace amounts of radioactive elements, mostly plutonium.

The National Transuranic Program administers nationwide generation/storage site programs for characterizing, transporting, packaging, storing, and disposing of transuranic waste. Defense-generated transuranic waste is temporarily stored at more than 30 small and large sites nationwide.