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**Patrick Yocum Appointed WTS Deputy General Manager**

**CARLSBAD, N.M., November 13, 2007** – Washington TRU Solutions (WTS)

President and General Manager Farok Sharif has appointed Patrick Yocum as the WTS deputy general manager.

“We’re pleased to welcome Pat Yocum into the WIPP family,” says Sharif. “His skills and experience will be a great benefit to our project.”

Yocum has more than 37 years of nuclear experience in the U.S. Navy nuclear program, domestic and international commercial nuclear power electrical generating facilities and U.S. Department of Energy sites. Most recently he served as project manager for several treatment technologies projects for Washington Group International. He has also supported Washington Group’s efforts on defense projects, the Waste Treatment Plant at the Hanford Reservation in Washington and a partnership with AREVA Corporation.

Yocum’s commercial experience includes serving as plant manager at Clinton Power Station in Clinton, Ill. and as site vice president at the Bruce Nuclear Station in Ontario, Canada. He holds a Senior Reactor Operators License issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

“We look forward to working with Pat,” says David Moody, manager of the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office. “DOE works very closely with Washington TRU Solutions’ management team to achieve the WIPP mission.”

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In his new role, Yocum will be responsible for supporting the general manager and will provide guidance for all departments with emphasis on budget, program management and strategic planning. The general manager's office provides technical, operational and administrative direction for carrying out the company's scope of work safely and cost-effectively.

Yocum holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Illinois.

WTS has managed WIPP for the DOE for more than 20 years. WTS opened and has safely operated WIPP, the nation's first permanent geologic repository for defense nuclear waste since 1999. Washington Group International, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, is the parent company of WTS.