

Colleagues,

It is certainly with mixed emotions that I am announcing to you that Mike Holland , the Department of Energy Site Manager for Brookhaven National Laboratory, has decided to retire from the Federal Government after 24 years of combined service with the United States Navy and the Department of Energy.

Mike started his DOE career in January, 1991 as an Office of Nuclear Energy employee overseeing reactor operations at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). He was transferred to the Office of Environmental Management and managed environmental restoration projects at BNL for several years. In 1998, Mike was transferred to the Office of Science managing construction projects including the completion and commissioning of the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC). Mike was selected as the BHSO Manager in January, 2001 and has served with distinction for over 11 years.

During Mike's tenure as Brookhaven Site Manager he led the BHSO during a time of revitalization at BNL. BHSO successfully managed the construction of new BNL facilities including the Research Support Building (RSB), the Center for Functional Nanomaterials (CFN), upgrade of the BNL Chill Water Plant, and the Interdisciplinary Science Building which will be completed this fall. BHSO is also managing SC's largest construction project at BNL, the National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS-II), which is 72% complete and will come on line in 2014.

While the BHSO Manager, Mike also took on several corporate challenges. In 2001, Mike conducted a special study for the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Director of the Office of Science related to a decision to permanently shut down the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) in Richland, Washington. In 2002, Mike served as the acting Manager of the Oak Ridge Operations Office for 8 months, and was also a member of the SC Restructuring Project Team. In 2004, Mike participated in the SC team that revised the process for evaluating laboratory contractor performance. In 2005, Mike served as the acting Stanford Site Office Manager for 4 months during the restart of the Laboratory following a serious electrical accident.

In 2004, Mike was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for sustained superior performance and leadership.

Please join me in congratulating Mike on an outstanding tour of duty and we wish he and Meg all of the best in all of their future endeavors. Well done!!

Bill Brinkman

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