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Governor Bill Richardson Appoints Charryl Berger as Energy Advisor

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson has appointed former Los Alamos Energy and Environment Initiatives Program Director Charryl Berger as energy adviser.

“New Mexico has made tremendous progress toward becoming the nation’s Clean Energy State but we have much more to accomplish,” said Governor Richardson. “Charryl will continue this progress and help us create a new, clean and renewable energy economy in New Mexico.”

In her role as the Governor's energy adviser, Berger will provide advice to the governor and members of the state government on energy matters. Berger joins former Laboratory Chief Science Officer Thomas Bowles who is currently serving the Governor's office as his scientific adviser.

"The nation faces a huge energy challenge in the coming decades. National security and economic competitiveness are closely tied to access to clean and plentiful energy. There is no silver bullet to solve the energy challenge, and it will require technological innovation, progressive policy and serious investment. Charryl is an outstanding leader at Los Alamos on energy issues and programs, and will bring a career of experience to the New Mexico Governor's Office," Terry Wallace, the Laboratory's Principal Associate Director for Science, Technology and Engineering, said of Berger's appointment.

Berger will serve as the Governor's technical advisor for energy and will be working with the Department of Energy and industry on fossil energy, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and electricity delivery and reliability issues.

Berger came to Los Alamos in 1989 from work in the private sector. Prior to becoming the Energy and Environment Initiatives Program Director, Berger was acting director of the Laboratory's Industrial Partnership Office, which was responsible for all technology transfer activities at the Laboratory and for the management of a Department of Energy Technology Partnership Program.

Berger holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in biology from Texas Tech University. She begins in the Governor’s Office on Monday, August 14, 2006.