## A MESSAGE FROM THE LABORATORY DIRECTOR

BNL's environmental performance in 2007 continued to be a success, and that performance is key in enabling us to accomplish our scientific goals. We were recognized with eight national or regional environmental awards, including the prestigious White House Closing the Circle Award for expanding our EMS by voluntary participating in environmental improvement programs and our first Silver Level Award from the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive for electronics recycling. In addition, we received an Environmental Outreach Award from the National Environmental Performance Track Program, and a Long Island Transportation Management Inc., 2007 Commuter Choice Leadership Award. These accomplishments are proof that our commitment to environmentally responsible operations remains strong.

In 2007, BNL's Environmental Management System received recertification, with 24 examples of our continual improvement highlighted by the auditors. In addition, our nationally recognized Pollution Prevention Program continued to save the Laboratory money and helped reduce or reuse millions of pounds of waste.

As we address the remaining legacy issues under the Environmental Restoration Program, we will continue to openly communicate with the community, regulators, employees, and other interested parties on our environmental issues and cleanup progress. We know that the Laboratory's future as a world leader in science research depends in great part on the trust and cooperation of our neighbors.

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