



**A MESSAGE FROM
THE LABORATORY DIRECTOR**

Although I was just named Director of Brookhaven Lab in August 2006, I've worked here for 28 years in several scientific and management positions. During that time, I've witnessed first-hand how important it is for the Laboratory to not only conduct great science, but to back it up with excellence in our operations and openness in our relationships with the many, many communities we serve.

Our environmental performance is, in many ways, key to our success. I am well aware of the tremendous progress we have made in this area in recent years, and I am fully committed to the programs we have in place to help us maintain environmental excellence here at the Laboratory.

In 2005, Brookhaven Lab celebrated a major milestone marking the successful completion of several high-priority cleanup projects that were part of an interagency agreement reached in 1992. Working closely with the Department of Energy, regulatory agencies, our local government, and our neighbors, we've cleaned up billions of gallons of groundwater, removed hundreds of tons of contaminated soil from the site, and restored the Peconic River, a crucial Long Island resource.

Through the Laboratory's Environmental Management System and our Safety, Security, and Health Policy, our commitments to compliance, pollution prevention, cleanup, community outreach, and continual improvement remain strong. This report captures our performance for 2005, and I believe it documents our continued progress in each of these areas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Aronson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Samuel H. Aronson,
Laboratory Director