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Mr. Richard Decker Appointed Technical Director of Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD— Mr. Richard W. Decker II will be officially appointed as Technical Director of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) March 2. He has served as acting director since February after serving as Director of Engineering within the organization since February 2005.

As Technical Director, Mr. Decker is responsible for 1,600 Department of the Army civilians, soldiers and on-site contractors located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Pine Bluff Arsenal, AR; and Rock Island, Ill. Those employees conduct research, engineering and field operations in support of the Department of Defense and other government agencies, by providing innovative science, technology, and engineering solutions for chemical and biological defense.

Between June 2002 and February 2005, Mr. Decker served as the Deputy Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical Biological Defense, at Fort Belvoir, Va. Between September 2001 and June 2002, he served as the Deputy Director for Engineering at ECBC. Earlier in his career, he served as a Systems Manager for several protective mask programs and as the Program Manager for Smoke/Obscurants at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Mr. Decker holds two Bachelor of Science degrees: one in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland and the other in Chemistry from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and field operations. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for the warfighter and for our national defense, with a long and distinguished history of providing the Armed Forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is a US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command laboratory located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. For more information about the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, please visit our Web site at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil> or call (410) 436-3610.

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