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Dr. Inés R. Triay was appointed by President Obama as the 7th DOE Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management and sworn into office in May 2009.

Dr. Triay has dedicated her career to the safe, timely, and cost-effective cleanup of radioactive waste and facilities from our nation's Cold War nuclear weapon production and research activities. She leads the largest, most diverse, and technically complex environmental cleanup program in the world:

- Annual budget of more than \$5.5 billion
- Workforce of more 30,000 federal and contractor employees
- Enough radioactive waste to completely fill the Louisiana Superdome
- Originally involved more than 2 million acres at 107 sites located in 35 states

Prior to her appointment, she served as the cleanup program's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Chief Operations Officer, and Deputy Chief Operations Officer. During her tenure in these positions, the program completed the cleanup of the Department's Rocky Flats site in Colorado and the Fernald site in Ohio. She also played an instrumental role in the commencement of remote-handled transuranic waste disposal operations at the Department's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.

Prior to her executive positions in Washington D.C., she served as Manager of the Department's Carlsbad Field Office in New Mexico. During her tenure there, the number of transuranic waste shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant increased from one or two per week to 25 per week. She also spearheaded a national effort to significantly accelerate cleanup of transuranic waste sites, culminating in a plan that completes the disposal of all legacy transuranic waste 20 years early. Before managing the Carlsbad Field Office, she held several key positions at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Her honors include the Presidential Rank Award, the Wendell Weart Waste Management Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Dixy Lee Ray Award for Environmental Protection, the National Atomic Museum's National Award of Nuclear Science, and numerous awards from the Department and Los Alamos National Laboratory recognizing her for excellence in performance.

Dr. Triay received her bachelor's degree in chemistry, magna cum laude, and her doctorate degree in physical chemistry from the University of Miami in Florida. She is a member of numerous professional organizations and has produced more than 200 articles, papers, reports, and presentations for professional conferences and workshops, as well as major trade publications. She is American Chemical Society certified.