Nan Sauer named Associate Director for Chemistry, Life, and Earth Sciences

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, August 9, 2011— Nancy (“Nan”) Sauer is the new associate director for Chemistry, Life, and Earth Sciences (ADCLES) at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).In her 25-year career at LANL, Sauer has held several positions of increasing responsibility. After working as a director’s postdoctoral fellow, she advanced to a principal investigator and team leader in the Chemistry Division to leader of several projects. Most recently she has been the director of the LANL Institutes Office from its inception, responsible for oversight and strategic engagement of six institutes and three innovation centers.Her responsibilities included a broad exposure to areas important to the Laboratory including engineering, computer science, materials science, biosecurity, energy security, and geo and planetary science. This experience in outreach and engagement of the Laboratory Institutes is vital to the

long-term strategic reputation of outstanding science at the Laboratory. “I’m excited to have in this critical role at the Laboratory someone as dedicated, experienced, and versatile as Nan,” said Lab Director Charlie McMillan. “She’s a well respected scientist and leader, and she has deep experience in everything from programmatic chemistry and facilities operations, to university outreach and beryllium mitigation and control.”“Nan was highly accomplished and well rounded to start, and she gained additional experience as acting head of the directorate,” said Terry Wallace, principal associate director for Science, Technology, and Engineering. “In that role, she led the research and development portfolio in the three major Laboratory program areas: global security, science, and nuclear deterrence.”Sauer has a distinguished track record as a research scientist with more than 60 publications and technical reports in archival journals. She has delivered invited lectures at more than 25 meetings, and holds 5 patents. She earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Idaho and a PhD in inorganic chemistry from Iowa State University.

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