

# HOTLINE

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## Secretary Richardson Visits PPPL

*Energy Head Gives Positive Outlook for Lab*



Photo by Dietmar Krause

**U**.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson (above) brought welcome news to PPPL on October 25, announcing a five-year extension of the contract between Princeton University and the U.S. Department of Energy for the operation of the Laboratory. Secretary Richardson also indicated that PPPL's budget would increase in 2001 and congratulated Dr. Zhihong Lin for receiving the prestigious Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

"The performance of PPPL has been strong. This extension will ensure there is no disruption in the vital scientific work taking place at the Lab," said Secretary Richardson.

Speaking before a large assembly of PPPL personnel and visitors, Richardson said the Department of Energy will enter into a new contract that will sponsor fusion research at the Laboratory through September of 2006. An important component of the 2001 budget is a provision to fully fund the dismantling and removal of the Lab's Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor (TFTR), which was retired in 1997 after establishing several key milestones in the development of fusion power. The budget includes \$19 million for the job, which is what the Lab requires to meet its goal of removing TFTR by the end of 2002, freeing space for a new experiment. ●

# Energy Secretary Addresses Staff and Visits "Wall"



Energy Secretary Bill Richardson addresses staff in the Melvin B. Gottlieb Auditorium.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson (middle) arrives at PPPL on Wednesday, October 25, for an afternoon visit. PPPL Director Rob Goldston (right) greets Richardson and Susan M. Sanford (left), an area resident and childhood friend of Richardson's wife.



During a presentation to Secretary Richardson at the Visualization Lab, PPPL Director Rob Goldston describes how supercomputers allow fusion optimization.

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At the Secretary's talk are, from left (front row), David Cherington and Nicola McDonald, of Princeton University's Washington Office of Government Affairs, PPPL physicist Zhihong Lin and Plainsboro Township Mayor Peter Cantu; (back row) Associate Director for DOE's Fusion Energy Sciences Anne Davies, DOE Princeton Group Manager Jerry Faul, and PPPL Chief Scientist Bill Tang.

A presentation at PPPL's Visualization Lab, also known as the High-resolution Wall, was included during the Secretary's visit. From left are PPPL's Susan Murphy-LaMarche, Princeton University Office of Government Affairs Associate Director David Cherington, Secretary Richardson, PPPL's Zhihong Lin, Plainsboro Township Mayor Peter Cantu, and PPPL's Bill Tang.



At the Visualization Lab are, from left, PPPL Director Rob Goldston, Plainsboro Township Mayor Peter Cantu, PPPL physicist Zhihong Lin, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, PPPL Chief Scientist Bill Tang, Associate Director for DOE's Fusion Energy Sciences Anne Davies, DOE Princeton Group Manager Jerry Faul, and David Cherington and Nicola McDonald, of Princeton University's Washington Office of Government Affairs.



Secretary Richardson (middle) answers questions from the media following his address.



Secretary Richardson leaves PPPL to deliver a lecture about comprehensive energy policy at Robertston Hall on main campus sponsored by the Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. From left are Matthew Nerzig of the DOE's Office of Public Affairs; Susan M. Sanford; David Heyman, Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of the Secretary of Energy; Secretary Richardson; and PPPL Site Protection Head John Bavlish.



Announcing a  
***“State of the Laboratory”  
Address***

by Rob Goldston

and

***Presentation of Awards***

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***Kaul Foundation Prize for Excellence in Plasma  
Physics Research and Technology Development***

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***PPPL Distinguished Engineering Fellow Award***

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***PPPL Distinguished Research Fellow Award***

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***Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 2:00 PM  
M.B. Gottlieb Auditorium  
Lyman Spitzer Building***

***Ice Cream Party Will Follow***

***All Staff Are Invited!***

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