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EERI WELCOMES FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUSAN K. TUBBESING

Commencing April 1, 1988, Susan Tubbessing takes over as Executive Director of the Institute. She brings to EERI a wide knowledge of earthquake policy issues, a familiarity with national earthquake hazard reduction research programs, and experience in their management.

Since 1977, Susan Tubbessing has been Manager of the Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center within the Institute of Behavioral Science on the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado. As Manager, Tubbessing directed the Center's efforts to strengthen communication between researchers and those concerned with public policy relating to natural hazards. She administered the quick response post-disaster research program, developed an annual hazards research workshop, and oversaw the varied Center publications, including the Natural Hazards Observer.

Among her recent activities are evaluations of numerous U.S.G.S. conferences designed to provide seismic hazard information to the nonscientific population. She has served as moderator for panels dealing with earthquake hazards reduction in conferences throughout the nation. Tubbessing chairs the Ad Hoc Subcommittee of EERI's Continuing Education Committee that is producing a reader on social science research and earthquake hazard reduction, and, as a member of FEMA's Expert Review Committee, contributed the social science research section to their Commentary on the next Five-Year Plan for the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program.

Tubbessing holds an A.B. in Anthropology and an M.A. in Education from Washington University, St. Louis. Her daughter, Laura, is a junior in high school.

EERI welcomes Susan Tubbessing, as does the Newsletter editorial team.

Mesa, Arizona: EERI's Acting Executive Director Bob Olson waves goodbye. In foreground, A. Aguilar.

EERI's thanks are due to Bob Olson, former Vice-President, who as Acting Executive Director steered the Institute from January 1988 until Susan Tubbessing's arrival as the first Executive Director April 1.

Institute headquarters staff expressed their appreciation for his efforts at an impromptu farewell gathering just before his departure, thanking him for his patience, guidance, and humor during the period of transition.