

## Director's Message to Users Regarding Possible Laboratory Shutdown

Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, Congress has not appropriated funds for Fiscal Year 2014. Because Argonne is federally funded, this has a direct impact on our budget. Since October 1, the beginning of our fiscal year, we have been able to continue to deliver on our research mission by reducing our spending and relying on carryover funds from previous years. However, as the government shutdown continues, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain normal operations.

At present, we are maintaining normal operations at our scientific user facilities and technology centers – Advanced Photon Source, Argonne Leadership Computing Facility, Center for Nanoscale Materials, Electron Microscopy Center, Argonne Tandem Linac Accelerator System, Center for Transportation Technology and Transportation Research and Analysis Computing Center. If the funding lapse persists, however, it may become necessary to shut down the laboratory temporarily. We will work to keep you fully informed about our plans as this situation unfolds.

Our staff remains fully committed to our mission of delivering world-leading capabilities at all of our scientific user facilities and technology centers. In the days and weeks ahead, we intend to stay focused on working safely and efficiently and maintaining the exceptional quality of our user support.

Thank you so much for your support and commitment during this difficult period. I sincerely hope that Congress will reach agreement soon, and that all of us will be able to carry out our important work without interruption.

Sincerely,

Eric D. Isaacs, Director