



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 08, 2025

Dear Members of the Energy Workforce Advisory Board (EWAB),

It is with deep appreciation that I thank you for your time, insights and careful attention paid to the development of the “Strategy for a 21st Century Energy Workforce” Report, submitted on September 10, 2024.

The Department of Energy (DOE) welcomes and values the advice and recommendations that the EWAB developed, in response to the statutory directive (Section 40211) that established the EWAB in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), 42 U.S.C. 18744. The strategy you have developed is extensive and visionary. With the historic investments to secure domestic energy infrastructure and supply chains underway, these efforts have never been more important.

As outlined in the enclosure, the Department has considered EWAB’s recommendations and how to implement these actions to most effectively support the energy workforce (responses to specific recommendations are contained in the Appendix).

The Department concurs with nearly all of the recommendations. More specifically:

1. Numerous of your recommendations are underway and are being implemented by various offices across the Department;
2. The Department concurs with all of the actions outlined in the section of the report that focuses on actions DOE should undertake over the next year (“Looking Ahead: What is Needed to Inform the Board’s Work for its Next Report to the Secretary of Energy”);
3. Other recommendations are warranted, urgent calls to action that we agree are appropriate advances for the Department to make, and we recommend the Department take action on these within one year of this response; and
4. Other recommendations are valuable actions the Department should consider implementing with a longer-time horizon, given that the strategy was intended to position the federal agency to support the energy workforce over the course of the 21st Century.

We look forward to further collaboration with the EWAB. If you have any questions, please contact the Designated Federal Official, Maya Goodwin, at (240) 597-8804 or maya.goodwin@hq.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Granholm".

Jennifer Granholm

Enclosure