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David Huizenga
Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
U.S. Department of Energy, EM-1
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Huizenga:

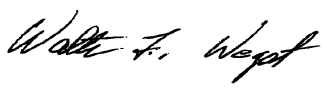
The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) applauds the Department of Energy (DOE) for the cleanup work accomplished to date. Reducing the size of the EM sites through cleanup and decontamination and decommissioning will save the American taxpayer millions of dollars in “hotel” costs in the future.

However, we are concerned that in DOE’s goal to achieve cleanup and site size reduction some valuable, unique, one-of-a-kind assets may be demolished or discarded. These unique assets may be needed in the future and their capabilities do not exist elsewhere in the United States.

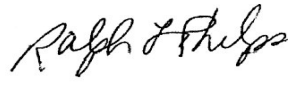
We recommend that DOE identify these unique assets. Further, we recommend that DOE and stakeholders (e.g. local communities, tribal governments, and the public) review these unique assets for their potential future use before they are gone forever.



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