

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

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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 eight local boards that make up the Office of Environmental Management's Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) welcome you to your new position as Acting Assistant Secretary for EM. We look forward to continuing the positive, collaborative working relationship that the EM SSAB has with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on site-specific and national levels.

The EM SSAB remains committed to providing DOE EM with clear, concise advice that reflects the values of the board members and the publics that they strive to represent. Each local board that comprises the EM SSAB provides advice and recommendations on policy issues that affect their respective sites. Additionally, the local boards engage in continuous dialogue with DOE that serves to foster understanding and trust.

The EM SSAB Chairs' meetings provide representatives from the eight local boards an opportunity to obtain programmatic information from DOE EM senior staff and to relay that information back to their boards. The information and conversations that take place at Chairs' meetings help DOE EM to understand stakeholder concerns, and the interaction provides insight to DOE in designing public meetings where complex issues need to be clearly presented for larger public discussion and comment. The institutional knowledge and experience that the EM SSAB brings to the table are invaluable. The recommendations provided by the EM SSAB, both locally and nationally, are a reflection of the richness of the dialogue between the local boards, various stakeholders, Tribes, and DOE.

The EM SSAB is a sounding board for DOE EM, and we firmly believe that citizen involvement and community investment are critical elements in achieving successful DOE EM site cleanup.

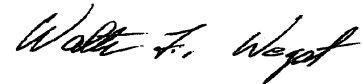
We encourage you to support the strong commitment made by your predecessors to inform and engage the public by providing opportunities for people to participate in their own future. We are hopeful that this exchange of ideas and values will continue to grow and flourish.



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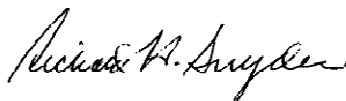
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