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**Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Boards**  
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November 29, 2007

Assistant Secretary James A. Rispoli  
EM-1/DOE-HQ Forrestal Building  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Rispoli,

**Recommendation for Long Term Stewardship Incorporation Into New EM Projects and Legacy Waste Decisions**

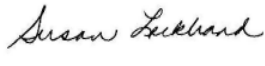







The Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) would like to express our gratitude for your active participation at our recent Chairs' meeting.

The EM SSAB Chairs recommend that project management for all current and new EM projects consider complete life-cycle analysis that includes long-term stewardship (LTS), final disposition, clean-up methods and costs to meet end-state goals. This "cradle to grave" approach could serve as a model for other federal and private industry projects.

In accordance with DOE policy, the EM SSAB strongly recommends that LTS be included in each proposed remedy for legacy waste, to consider the human and environmental risks and cost if the remedy includes leaving any contamination in place.

Currently opportunities exist to include LTS in the planning for management of future waste to be generated. These opportunities did not exist when much of the legacy waste was generated. Our experience with issues of legacy waste leads us to make a recommendation for DOE EM to take a more pro-active and protective approach within the context of long-term environmental management. LTS elements should be incorporated into cleanup decisions as they are being developed – not after the fact.

We believe that the breadth of representation on our Boards, our knowledge and our recommendations can be of benefit to individual sites and to the DOE EM complex as a whole. The EM SSAB looks forward to continuing to provide advice to DOE EM in support of environmental cleanup activities at individual sites.

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