



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Lance J. Mezga
Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001
200 Administration Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Mezga:

This is in response to your November 29, 2007, letter regarding the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board involvement in the EM budget process.

My staff in Headquarters is currently working with the Field on your recommended changes and is in the process of developing clarifying guidance for the site managers. EM's Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability will provide a copy of the clarifying guidance to you once it is finalized.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 586-7709, Mr. Mark Frei, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Planning and Budget, at (202) 586-8754, or Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JA Rispoli".

James A. Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management