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**Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Boards**

Dear Ms. Roberson:

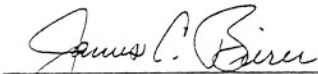
The purpose of this letter is to ask how the Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) might help you and the site managers address common, complex-wide issues.

The Chairs of the SSABs met in semi-annual conference in Cincinnati, April 11-13, 2002. The meeting was very productive, covering many topics. We discussed the role the SSABs played (or did not play) in the Top-to-Bottom Review. Gene Schmitt's budget overview generated much debate on funding priorities.

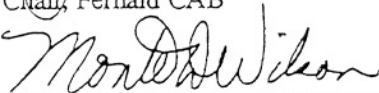
Mr. Schmitt spoke of the Department of Energy's (DOE) goal of developing a strategy for building a "common vision" among regulators, stakeholders, and communities for accelerated risk reduction. The idea generated two questions, "What sort of input do you want from the SSABs?" and "What is your intent for engaging the SSABs on national issues?" Since we were asked for our input, and as a critical link to DOE communities and stakeholders, we agreed that one thing we must do is offer you our help.

We are ready to offer our considerable experience and in-depth site-level perspective. We offer a genuine "value-added" resource for tackling the challenges ahead. Although the SSABs focus on localized, site-specific issues, we can do much more. Together, we offer a dynamic synergy of volunteer effort and environmental management expertise few organizations possess. We look forward to hearing what input you want from the SSABs and what your intent is for engaging the SSABs on national issues.

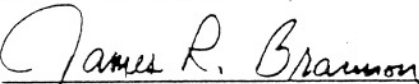
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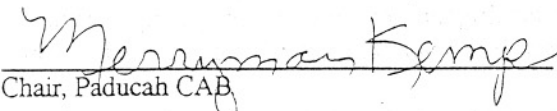
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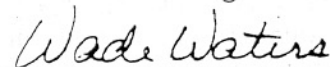
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Chair, Paducah CAB



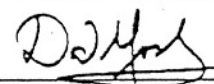
Chair, Savannah River Site CAB



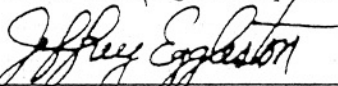
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Chair, Nevada Test Site Community Advisory Board



Chair, Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board



Chair, Rocky Flats CAB

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