



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Lance Mezga
Chair, Oak Ridge Site Specific
Advisory Board
10909 Concord Woods Drive
Knoxville, TN 37830

Dear Mr. Mezga:

Thank you for the recommendation developed at the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs' (EM SSAB) meeting in Santa Fe on September 8-9, 2006. I was pleased to learn of your positive reaction to the presentation by the Director of the Office of Groundwater and Soil Remediation.

Furthermore, your recommendation that public participation be included in the development and deployment of new remediation technologies at Department of Energy sites is a sound one that merits further discussion as how best to achieve that objective. The invitation to have the Office of Engineering and Technology participate in your next EM SSAB Chairs' meeting in Las Vegas in late March provides an excellent opportunity to begin such discussions.

Mr. Mark Gilbertson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Engineering and Technology, is planning to attend your next meeting and to fully discuss the activities of his office. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Melissa Nielson, Director of the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James A. Rispoli".

James A. Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management



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