



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, Tennessee 37922

Dear Mr. Mezga:

This is in further response to your March 15, 2007, letter forwarding **Recommendation 154: Reaffirmation of the Department of Energy (DOE) Secretarial policy to Provide Stewardship at Ongoing Mission Sites with Residual Contamination** from the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board. After a review of Roles, Responsibilities, Accountabilities, and Authorities within the Office of Environmental Management (EM), the Assistant Secretary has implemented your recommendation to assign a Headquarters liaison for EM long-term stewardship activities. Dr. Vincent Adams of my office has been named as that liaison.

Dr. Adams will be responsible for conducting site transition and pre- and post-remediation strategy planning for long-term stewardship consistent with applicable regulations and DOE Orders. He will ensure execution of EM policy on remedy decisions and end-state vision. In addition, he will work with the EM Site Transition Coordinators. The Site Transition Coordinators will be identified within EM and the DOE program office that will assume the stewardship responsibilities at least three years prior to transition in order to track progress and interact with responsible site individuals performing long-term stewardship activities and to provide guidance on any contingencies.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 586-0755 or Dr. Vincent Adams, Director, Office of Groundwater and Soil Remediation, at (301) 903-1864.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Gilbertson".

Mark A. Gilbertson
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