



Department of Energy

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Mr. Steve Dixon, Chair
Oak Ridge Site-Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001, MS-7604
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Dixon:

I would like to thank the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs for their letter of August 13, 2008, in support of the establishment of the Office of Communications and External Affairs within the Office of Environmental Management. As you know, I share your view on the importance and the difficulty involved in developing a meaningful dialogue on nuclear waste issues. I consider the creation of this office as a key accomplishment of my tenure.

The Office of Communications is looking forward to working with the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board. I would like to also thank you for extending an invitation to Mr. Jeffrey Bobeck, Director of the Office, to participate in your meeting. It is my understanding that he is planning to attend and is already on the agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director of the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Inés Triay".

Inés R. Triay (Acting for)
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

