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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

ACTION: Sign the attached transmittal of “The Value Added of the Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program (DOE-VPP) – 2004 Update” annual report to Program Secretarial Officers and Field Office Managers.

ISSUE:

The report identifies a correlation of improved safety with participation in the DOE-VPP and will serve to inform senior managers within DOE of the “Value Added” potential of DOE-VPP and encourage their interest in, and support of, participation in the Program.

BACKGROUND:

- This report updates the documentation and data contained in the two previous, annual DOE-VPP assessment reports: *Summary of the Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program (DOE-VPP) Annual Reports for 2002*, DOE/EH-0672, issued July 2003; and *The Value Added of the Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program*, DOE/EH-0647, issued June 2002.
- The Report provides a collective review of overall program performance as reported by the program’s participants in their required annual self evaluations, serves to provide feedback for continuing program improvement, areas of accomplishment and growth, and progress toward the achievement of selected goals and objectives.



- The Total Recordable Case Rates for DOE-VPP sites are significantly below private industry rates. DOE-VPP sites have demonstrated significant improvements in reducing injuries and illnesses.
- Value Added measures are determined by comparing the number and costs of injuries before and after the implementation of VPP.

SENSITIVITY:

The annual report has been transmitted annually by EH-1 to DOE senior managers for the past 3 years, and demonstrates EH senior management support to the Program. It is aligned with the management commitment, that is a primary foundation for the DOE-VPP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Sign the attached transmittal memorandum.