



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
Hanford Advisory Board
713 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 4
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Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for your June 28, 2007, letter regarding the release of the 2007 EM Engineering and Technology Program Plan and DOE-EM Engineering and Technology Roadmap, and for your additional comments on the Office of Environmental Management's (EM) efforts to consistently apply standard, industry endorsed, project management tools to EM projects. The comments received from the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), as well as those received from other stakeholder and intergovernmental organizations, are currently being incorporated into these documents.

I also appreciate your recognition of our efforts to rigorously apply project management principles to all EM projects. I believe that this is one of our success stories and I will continue to keep the EM SSAB Chairs updated on the status of these efforts.

I look forward to meeting with you again during the next EM SSAB Chairs meeting in September in Paducah, Kentucky. If you have any further questions or comments, please call Ms. Melissa Nielson, Director of the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Rispoli".

James Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

