



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair  
Hanford Advisory Board  
EnviroIssues Hanford Project Office  
713 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 4  
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Ms. Leckband:

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 cursive script that reads "Inés Triay".

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

