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Colleagues,

My message of July 22, 2009, announced Environmental Management senior leadership assignments focusing on Headquarters. I am pleased to announce additions and changes to our leadership in the field. Again, I want to emphasize that these highly qualified individuals will provide the continuity for our cleanup mission and the energy and drive to move us forward on our "Journey to Excellence." As I stated in my previous message, our people are our most valuable resource and we are assembling a team of leaders who share the vision for our cleanup mission and who support and reinforce our people every day.

In the field we are making the following assignments:

Mr. Steve McCracken will be retiring after 30 years of Federal service. He started his career with the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee in 1980 as a civil engineer. Since those early days, his distinguished career has included several senior management positions, namely the Manager of the Weldon Springs Site in Missouri; the Acting Director of EM Operations; the Manager of the Ohio Field Office; and his current position as Assistant Manager for the complex and wide-reaching Environmental Management Program at the Oak Ridge Office.

Mr. John Eschenberg will have a new challenging assignment replacing Steve as the Assistant Manager for Environmental Management at the Oak Ridge Operations Office. John holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Management. He is moving from the Office of River Protection (ORP) and has been with the Department for 15 years. He has served at three field offices and headquarters for the National Nuclear Security Administration and most recently in the Environmental Management complex, managing the design and construction of possibly the largest and most complex chemical waste treatment plant in the world.

Mr. Guy Girard has been named the Acting Assistant Manager for the Waste Treatment Plant project. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He transferred to ORP earlier this year from Idaho, where he most recently managed the Sodium Bearing Waste Treatment Project. He is an experienced project manager and engineer and has served in various technical and management positions at Idaho, Savannah River, DOE Headquarters, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and as a technical advisor to a member of Congress.

Mr. Richard Craun has assumed his assignment at Idaho as the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Construction Federal Project Director and Sodium Bearing Waste Senior Technical Advisor. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and comes to us from the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. He has over 33 years of nuclear facilities engineering, project management, construction and quality assurance experience.

For our "Journey to Excellence," I am committed to putting a management team together that has the best person for the job at each position.

We welcome our executives to their new field positions.

Warmest Regards,

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