



Department of Energy

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Mr. Val Francis, Co-Chair
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant
EM Site-Specific Advisory Board
EHI Consultants, Inc.
111 Memorial Drive
Paducah, Kentucky 42001

Dear Mr. Francis:

Thank you very much for your October 29, 2008, letter of appreciation for the time we worked together on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management (EM) cleanup process. I can tell you with all sincerity that it has been my great pleasure to work with you, the other Chairs, and members of the EM Site-Specific Advisory Board. I am pleased with the progress that we were able to achieve together over the past few years.

The Department is grateful for the valuable guidance and advice you have offered over the years. As a citizen volunteer, you embody the best traditions of the American spirit, and I hope that you will remain engaged in the effort.

Thank you again for your kind words, and I extend to you best wishes, as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James A. Rispoli".

James A. Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management