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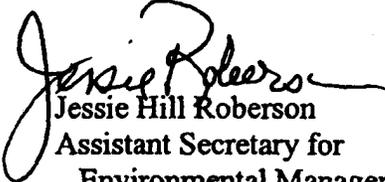
Dear Ms. Horinko:

The purpose of this letter is to show my support for the Environmental Protection Agency's *One Cleanup Program* initiative. I strongly believe that the proposed initiative is the right course of action for developing a program that ensures the continued protection of human health and the environment, and ensures a decision-making process founded on a strong technical and practical basis. I believe such an initiative is needed and will serve as a valuable guideline for federal government agencies conducting cleanup missions.

At my direction, the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management (EM) has initiated an effort that, I believe, is consistent with your approach. Our initiative, *A Cleanup Program Driven by Risk-Based End States*, will develop the Department's corporate policy on how to carry out the EM cleanup mission. I envision the approach taken by this team will embrace the processes and ideas presented in your *One Cleanup Program* initiative. I have directed the project manager, Mr. David Geiser, to work closely with your program as we develop our policy.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months as we move forward on our respective initiatives. If you have questions regarding EM's risk-based end state initiative, please contact Mr. David Geiser, at (202) 526-9280 or david.geiser@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,


Jessie Hill Roberson
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Environmental Management