
Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Boards

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Assistant Secretary James A. Rispoli
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Dear Mr. Rispoli:

Recommendation to include Public Participation in Technology Development and Deployment at DOE Sites.

The Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs commend the current pathway of DOE's Office of Groundwater, Soil and Remediation as presented by Dr. Larry Bailey at our fall SSAB Chairs meeting in Santa Fe. He discussed the Ten Year Plan, which focused on the development and deployment of technologies for addressing remediation of contaminants at our respective sites. The Chairs believe that through successful contracting and by broadening the scientific vision by integrating public participation there will be many opportunities to optimize investments with the development of new technologies to address monitoring programs, identification and cleanup of source material and remediation of contaminated groundwater across the complex. We are hopeful that this concerted effort will delineate new technology measures for remediation that are defensible when evaluated by independent review panels. Given the commitment to risk reduction, we expect that implementation of these technologies will be swift.

We wish, though, to identify some expectations and opportunities as the department moves forward in this effort. The Chairs would like to have a clear understanding of the mission of the Office of Engineering and Technology. Secondly, we recognize the importance of identifying and incorporating public values when evaluating potential technologies for deployment similar to the Site Technology Coordination Group (STCG) Programs.

The Chairs recommend that the Office of Engineering and Technology, in conjunction with DOE field sites, develop a public process such as the convening of forums at each site, for incorporation of these values at the front-end when evaluating future remedy selections. We invite this Office to participate at the next Chairs meeting in the spring of 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.



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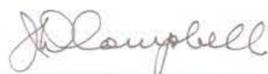
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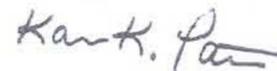
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