



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. James A. Ajello
Chairman
Environmental Management Advisory Board
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Chairman Ajello:

Thank you for your letter transmitting the Board's Energy Parks Initiative (EPI) Report and Recommendation 2010-1 which was approved on March 31, 2010. We agree with the Board's finding that a combination of the Department of Energy's (DOE) program offices and sites, along with local communities, would be the most appropriate lead for an EPI. My recommendation to senior DOE management has been to establish a Task Force to lead the EPI, including the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the Office of Environmental Management (EM), the Office of Fossil Energy, the Office of Nuclear Energy, the Office of Legacy Management, and the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, as well as key sites. Discussions with senior management regarding establishment of an EPI Task Force are ongoing.

Each of the programs and sites on the Task Force would have an important role in working with local communities, the private sector and other stakeholders in planning and implementing an EPI. As your report states, would have a key role in making land, facilities, infrastructure, workforce and other assets available for reutilization through the reduction of EM's footprint and the completion of cleanup. We believe that an EPI could also provide an important mechanism to meet the DOE's sustainability goals under Executive Order 13154, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*.

We agree with your Recommendation 2010-1 that a survey should be conducted of assets that are currently available or could become available for EPI development in the next few years, and that the survey should be made available to the public. EM is working with the Field Offices to evaluate property at EM sites that could be made available for transfer for economic development under 10 CFR Part 770 and notify potentially interested parties of availability of real assets as appropriate. The Task Force, when and if it is established, may expand upon EM's evaluation and notifications.

Your report and recommendation will be most helpful as the Department further develops the concept and evaluates options for implementation.



If you have any further questions, please contact me or Mr. Mark Gilbertson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program and Site Support at (202) 586-0755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inés Triay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Inés R. Triay
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management