



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

December 3, 2020

Mr. Jack Craig
Vice Chair
Environmental Management Advisory Board



Dear Mr. Craig:

Thank you for your December 3, 2019, letter which transmitted the Environmental Management Advisory Board's (EMAB) recommendation on the topic of a worker and community transition program. The Office of Environmental Management (EM) welcomes EMAB's advice and recommendations on issues affecting the EM program. Furthermore, I appreciate your work on this particular topic, which supports the Department's push toward closure and end goals.

EMAB recommended EM establish a transition office to help bring together national priorities with local interests, a core tenant of the cleanup program, and to help facilitate risk reduction, achieve cost savings, and ensure the appropriate people are engaged in meaningful discussion regarding local community interests.

EM supports your recommendation and is exploring ways the recommendation can be implemented in the future. While EM will not see major closures in the next few years, your ideas will be incorporated into future closure processes. Although the implementation of this recommendation will not be in the immediate future, it is important to plan how EM can best support the communities surrounding our sites, and I thank the EMAB for contributing their valued perspective. This recommendation has given us much to consider.

Thank you for your recommendation and continued support of our important mission. If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Joceline Nahigian, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Programs, at (202) 586-9642.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William I. White".

William I. White
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to the Under Secretary for Science

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