



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dr. Amy S. Fitzgerald
Vice Chair
Environmental Management Advisory Board
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your July 30, 2024, letter transmitting the Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB) Report titled, *Best Practices for Implementing EM's Groundwater Closure Strategy and Long-Term Monitoring Paradigm*. The Office of Environmental Management (EM) welcomes EMAB's advice and recommendations on the EM Groundwater Closure program.

EM accepts EMAB's six high-level recommendations and will develop a follow-up report to the Groundwater Closure Strategy reflecting these recommendations. The follow-up report will prioritize a list of action items to improve our cleanup mission. We intend to incorporate EMAB's recommendations into any future iterations of the Groundwater Closure Strategy and can arrange a call with the EMAB subcommittee chairs to address any further questions on our response.

Thank you again for your continued focus and drive to support the important work of the EM program. I look forward to further collaboration with EMAB in the future on other initiatives.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Kelly Snyder, Designated Federal Officer for the EMAB, at (702) 918-6715 or kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dae Y. Chung".

Dae Y. Chung
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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