

# Communications and External Affairs Update

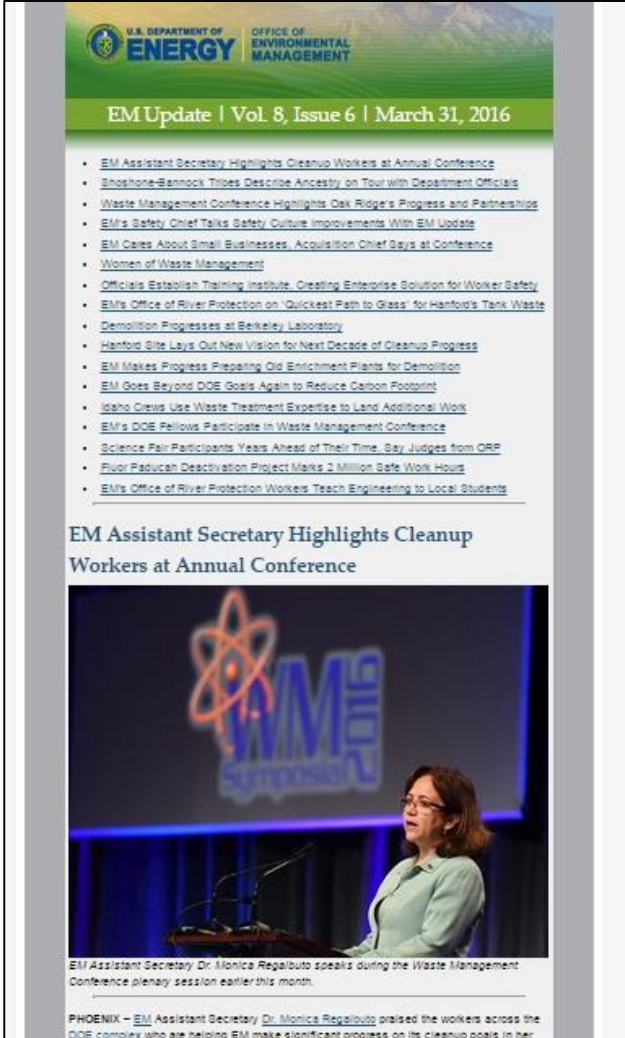
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- **New communications staff**
  - Mike Nartker (formerly of trade publication, *Weapons Complex Monitor*)
  - Steve Tetreault (formerly of the *Las Vegas Review Journal*)
- **EM newsletters**
  - Increase in number of articles
  - Improved content
  - More frequent
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The image shows a screenshot of the EMUpdate newsletter cover for Vol. 8, Issue 6, dated March 31, 2016. The cover features the U.S. Department of Energy and Office of Environmental Management logos. Below the title, there is a list of article highlights. One article is highlighted with a larger font and a photo of Dr. Monica Regaluto speaking at a podium during a conference. The photo shows her in a light blue shirt, with a large 'WME' logo in the background.

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**EM Assistant Secretary Highlights Cleanup Workers at Annual Conference**

EM Assistant Secretary Dr. Monica Regaluto speaks during the Waste Management Conference plenary session earlier this month.

PHOENIX – EM Assistant Secretary Dr. Monica Regaluto praised the workers across the DOE complex who are helping EM make significant progress on its cleanup goals in her

# What's New with EM's Advisory Boards?

- EM's Advisory Board program continues to serve as a primary mechanism for public involvement.
- Shift in focus to more specific charges for national meetings.



# Charges to the EM SSAB Chairs

- Recommendations for EM's communication and strategic planning
- Statement on EM SSAB priorities and values for the next administration
- Best practices for transitioning from cleaning up nuclear waste facilities to community reuse and/or reindustrialization



- How can EM best communicate cleanup progress to build on its accomplishments?
- How can EM better frame discussions about the work that remains?
- Use of corporate performance measures
  - <http://energy.gov/em/program-management/budget-performance/corporate-performance-measures-definitions>



- Transition teams – Nov 2016 to Jan 2017
  - Agency Review Teams
  - DOE internal transition team
- White paper for inclusion in transition materials
- Priorities, key issues, perceived challenges





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