

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

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Kelly K. Snyder  
Designated Federal Officer  
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM)  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Snyder:

**Justification:** As DOE Headquarters endeavors to update its website, the EM Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) has been requested to provide input for the EM SSAB website and its content.

In order to educate and inform future board members, interested community groups, and the public in general, we want to maintain a detailed archive of board activities that is easily accessible from the website.

**Recommendation:** The board recommends that the EM SSAB website maintain and keep documents related to board activities in perpetuity. The documents shall be in a searchable archival online location available to the public. These documents include, but are not limited to, recommendations, responses, and minutes.

### Who We Are

*The EM SSAB is the DOE EM's most effective vehicle for fostering two-way communication between DOE EM and the communities it serves. The EM program is the world's largest environmental cleanup program, and the EM SSAB its only citizen advisory board. For more than 20 years, the volunteer citizens of the EM SSAB have partnered with EM officials at both the local and national levels to ensure that the public has a meaningful voice in cleanup decisions.*

*Public participation is required/recommended as part of a number of environmental regulations. It is also good business practice, resulting in better decisions that often result in improved cleanup. Since 1994, EM SSAB members have volunteered thousands of hours of their time and submitted to EM officials over 1700 recommendations, 85% of which have been fully or partially implemented, resulting in improved cleanup decisions.*

*The EM SSAB comprises approximately 200 people from communities in Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington. The Board is cumulatively representative of a stakeholder population totaling millions of people who are affected by generator sites, transportation routes and disposal sites. As we move forward, the EM SSAB welcomes the opportunity to highlight the value of this unique volunteer board and discuss its priorities during the months and years ahead.*

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