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Ms. Susan Leckband, Chair
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Dear Ms. Leckband:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Board's (SSAB) recommendation on community engagement at EM sites.

I appreciate the Chairs' encouragement of greater engagement with the communities that surround the EM sites. When I spoke with you at the September 11, 2018, EM SSAB Chairs meeting, I explained my vision to fundamentally refocus the trajectory of the EM program in a meaningful and lasting way. That cannot happen without engaging the people who live and work around our sites.

You have thoughtfully developed potential community engagement activities, including analyzing the community outreach effectiveness, developing printed and virtual materials, enhancing educational outreach, and more. I will pass along this information to each of the field managers with my recommendation that they work with their advisory boards to determine which community engagement activities would connect with the public at their sites.

Thank you for your continued focus and drive to support our important environmental cleanup mission. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Borak, EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586-9928.

Sincerely,

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