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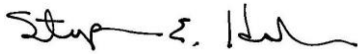
David Huizenga
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Dear Senior Advisor Huizenga:

The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) recommends that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) develop and make available to the public graphic representations of the current and planned EM legacy waste disposition paths. Some years ago the DOE created such maps in conjunction with the League of Women Voters and they were presented at two national Waste Disposition workshops. The maps were accompanied by large 3D displays using the map of the U.S. as the base, overlaid by stacks of colored plastic boxes representing types and relative quantities of nuclear waste that were placed in the locations where the waste would be generated or interim stored with an arrow stretched from that location to the final disposal site with dates for disposal inside the arrows. The 3D visuals were profound and easily understood, and paper, color-coded graphics were provided to the participants in the workshop to keep.

The EMSSAB requests that DOE resurrect or re-create these “disposition maps” and make them publicly available online. We realize that for security reasons certain wastes can’t be quantified but that is a small portion of the waste to be disposed. These maps would be incredibly beneficial to the EMSSAB and would increase the public’s ability to understand the waste types, quantities and plans for disposal so they can become more informed as opportunities for public engagement in decisions of waste disposal arise.

The EMSSAB volunteers to work with the DOE-EM on the development and/or updating of the maps and could be the first public reviewers of the graphics to help ensure the maps are easily understood by the public.



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