



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

May 27, 2014

Mr. David Hemelright
Chair, Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Hemelright:

Thank you for the February 27th letter that you and the other Chairs of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) sent recommending that the Department of Energy's (DOE's) cleanup funding be maintained as a top priority. We appreciate the Chairs' engagement to ensure successful EM cleanup efforts.

EM Headquarters and the field sites worked with the EM SSAB to develop a fully supportable budget request for fiscal year (FY) 2015. Under the Omnibus Spending Bill that funds the Federal Government for FY 2014, the EM program received \$5.83 billion, more than \$200 million over our requested level. This funding along with our FY 2015 request of \$5.62 billion will allow EM to continue to clean up the Cold War legacy and maintain momentum in the world's largest environmental remediation effort.

The team at DOE EM continues to be aware of the implications of funding constraints stemming from across the board budget cuts, continuing resolutions, and sequestration actions. We remain committed to working with the EM SSAB, other regulators, and stakeholders to rise above these challenges and make every possible effort to secure appropriate funding in the future to support our cleanup efforts across the EM complex.

Thank you for your continued focus and drive to support our important environmental cleanup mission.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Kristen Ellis, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, at (202) 586-5810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Huizenga".

David Huizenga
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Environmental Management

cc: James Owendoff, EM-2 (Acting)
Jack Craig, EM-2.1 (Acting)
Candice Trummell, EM-3
Kristen Ellis, EM-3.2
Dennis Deziel, EM-60

