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The Honorable James A. Rispoli  
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20585

**VIA FACSIMILE**

**RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION ON THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

Dear Mr. Rispoli:

I have been informed that your office is considering to discontinue the local government seat on the Environmental Management Advisory Board ("EMAB").

As you know, local government participation on the EMAB is valuable to my membership due to the ability to have a "seat at the table" when it comes to DOE decision-making. I feel that my participation thus far in the EMAB has assisted both the Environmental Management ("EM") program in understanding local government concerns and local governments in better communicating with the Department. I utilize my role on the EMAB to communicate to local governments around the country about EM's activities.

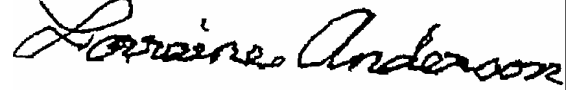
Despite this mutually beneficial relationship that has been developed between local governments and DOE over the years, I understand that you may choose to discontinue the local government seat on the EMAB. I believe that a balanced and diverse EMAB membership benefits DOE and the EM Assistant Secretary. Local governments are directly impacted by the EM program, and thus should be viewed as an integral part of EMAB membership.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to reconsider your plans to change EMAB membership and re-appoint an ECA member local government for another term. Because Rocky Flats has completed successful closure and is now focused on long-term stewardship, **I respectfully request that you appoint Robert Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Richland, to serve on the EMAB.** Mr. Thompson is well-versed in the issues and will be working with the EM program for decades to come at the Hanford site.

On behalf of the Energy Communities Alliance ("ECA"), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the EMAB. I have enjoyed actively participating in EMAB activities by injecting the local government perspective into the Board's discussions, as well as sharing my personal experiences with the successful cleanup of the Rocky Flats site. ECA hopes to continue

to work with your office to build upon our cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship. Please contact me directly with any questions at (303)424-5664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorraine Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Lorraine Anderson  
Mayor Pro Tem, Arvada, CO  
ECA Chair

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