



**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Seth Kirshenberg  
Executive Director  
Energy Communities Alliance  
1101 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Kirshenberg:

Thank you for your January 13, 2006, letter concerning the recent Moses Lake decision. I appreciate your offer to work with us in developing an appropriate approach for local communities under section 120(f) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

In order to ensure a consistent federal response to the decision, the Department of Energy is working with the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies to coordinate our response to these issues and to determine what, if any, additional actions need to be taken.

In the interim, I would hope that you would keep me apprised of any situations where you feel your members have not received the appropriate data or information at Environmental Management facilities. I want to continue to build upon our on-going cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or Melissa A. Nielson, Director of Internal/External Coordination, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rispoli".

James A. Rispoli  
Assistant Secretary for  
Environmental Management

