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Mr. Bill Tanner, Chair  
Citizens Advisory Board  
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Dear Mr. Tanner:

### NEXT PHASE OF RISK-BASED END STATE DOCUMENT DEVELOPMENT

Over the past months, the Department of Energy (DOE) and our stakeholders have met on numerous occasions to review and discuss the Risk-Based End State Vision document (RBES). The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB), members of the general public, regulators and others have provided input to the RBES.

As you know, the original deadline for finalizing the RBES was March 31, 2004. However, DOE headquarters has determined that additional time is required to ensure adequate stakeholder input prior to finalizing the RBES. The new deadline for submitting the document is September 1, 2004. During this time, the RBES will undergo further revisions, and we will be offering more opportunities for public review, discussion and input.

We appreciate your involvement and hard work to date in reviewing the RBES, and plan to continue meeting with the CAB and other members of the public to further discuss the RBES approach, identify risk management issues and seek your input. We hope to expand our public interactions and value your assistance in reaching out to the broader Paducah community in the upcoming months.

As we have previously emphasized, the RBES is not a decision document. Identification of a potential variance from the current baseline does not signal intent to perform less cleanup, or to pursue shortcuts around current laws, regulations or agreements. The goal of the RBES Vision is to ensure informed decision making in the cleanup process.

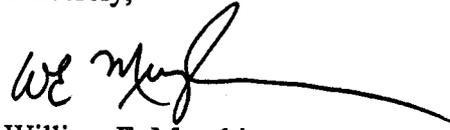
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Please feel free to contact me or Rachel Blumenfeld, PPPO Chief Operating Officer, if you have any further questions on the RBES process.

Sincerely,

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