

Dear Colleagues,

I write to inform you of some senior leadership changes taking place within the Department.

I would like to extend thanks and congratulations to Chief Human Capital Officer **Mike Kane**, who will retire at the end of June. Mike has been invaluable to the Department in selecting, developing, training, and managing a highly skilled, productive, and diverse workforce in accordance with statutory requirements. With more than 30 years of service in the Federal government, Mike has received a number of well-deserved accolades, including 2007 and 2010 Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Awards and recognition as 2011's Chief Human Capital Office of the year by the Office of Personnel Management. Michael will continue to serve in his position until he retires, when current Deputy Chief Human Capital Office **Sarah Bonilla** will step in as Acting Chief Human Capital Officer. Sarah brings a wealth of experience in human resources management through her experience both at DOE and at the Department of the Air Force.

Earlier this month, **Adam Sieminski** was confirmed as Administrator of the Energy Information Administration. Adam comes to us from Deutsche Bank where he worked since 1998 and served as the Chief Energy Economist since 2005. He has also worked for NatWest Securities and at the Washington Analysis Corporation. In 2006, Adam was appointed to the National Petroleum Council. I would like to thank **Howard Gruenspecht** for serving as acting EIA Administrator since July of 2011.

I am also pleased to announce that **Bob Brese** will be the Department's new Chief Information Officer, effective July 1. Bob most recently served as DOE's Deputy CIO. Previously, he held multiple positions within NNSA after retiring from a 22-year career as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy. As you may know, our previous CIO **Michael Locatis** accepted a position with the Department of Homeland Security as the Assistant Secretary for Cyber Security and Communications. We wish him well and will continue to benefit from the transformational IT initiatives he implemented during his DOE tenure.

Finally, as you are likely aware, Deputy Chief Financial Officer **Owen Barwell** recently left the Department to pursue an opportunity in the private sector. We are fortunate to have had **Joanne Choi** serve as the Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer since Owen's departure. Joanne previously served as the Director of Finance and Accounting within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

In every leadership transition, there is an opportunity to celebrate the impressive accomplishments of departing members of the team. While we will miss their leadership, we are fortunate to have talented and experienced individuals to assume their responsibilities as they move on. Please join me in welcoming Sarah, Adam, Bob, and Joanne in their new and expanded roles.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu