

Dear friends:

It is an honor to begin my service as Secretary of Energy, returning to an agency that is central to President Obama's goals for growing the economy, enhancing security, and protecting the environment.

I look forward to the progress we will make together in the coming years – advancing the President's all-of-the-above energy strategy, maintaining the nuclear deterrent and reducing the nuclear danger, promoting American leadership in science and clean energy technology innovation, and cleaning up the legacy of the cold war. I believe we can, and must, commit ourselves to the highest standards of management excellence, delivering results for the American people as efficiently and effectively as possible and enhancing our capacity to succeed in our critical missions.

The Department of Energy enjoys a talented, dedicated, and diverse workforce. In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to reconnecting with old colleagues and hope to meet many other members of our exceptional team. To that end, I plan to conduct regular Town Hall sessions in order to let you know about emerging Department challenges and opportunities and, more important, to hear your feedback and ideas on how we can better achieve our mission.

I'd like to invite you to join the conversation with me and Deputy Secretary Poneman during our first Town Hall tomorrow – Wednesday, May 22 – in the Forrestal Auditorium at 1 PM. DOE employees and contractors can also view the program on energy.gov/live. I encourage you to submit questions by emailing newmedia@hq.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Moniz