



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 26, 2010

Mr. R. Steven Brown
Executive Director
The Environmental Council of the States
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 445
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your April 13, 2010, letter urging continued support for the Environmental Management (EM) program. EM is pleased to receive such a strong endorsement of its cleanup mission as a result of the resolution you passed at the ECOS' Spring Meeting, held on March 24, 2010.

Regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2011 President's Budget, submitted to Congress in February 2010, this request funds all essential activities to maintain a safe and secure posture in the EM complex. Additionally, funding appropriated to EM through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act in FY 2009 supplements the FY 2011 base program request and allows EM to be fully compliant in FY 2011.

Concerning your expectations for the future, the Department of Energy is just beginning the process of developing the FY 2012 budget request, and EM field site personnel are working with various stakeholders to understand their concerns and expectations for the program. As EM begins its evaluation of funding needs presented by the various field sites, EM will keep your resolution in mind. EM is working diligently to obtain necessary resources to complete quality work on schedule and within cost; thereby, delivering demonstrated value to the American taxpayer.

My staff is available to further discuss EM cleanup issues with your council. You may contact me or Ms. Joann Luczak, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Planning and Budget, at (202) 586-8754.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inés R. Triay".

Inés R. Triay
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

