



## Environmental Safety & Health Working Group



### Open Memo to EFCOG ES&H Working Group Members and Friends

I personally want to thank all those who attended our Fall Meeting in Las Vegas; attendance was outstanding. Planning for the Meeting was well managed by Kristi Davenport and Ed Yatsko. The Staff at the Nevada Site were superb, efficiently anticipating and accommodating our needs, making the overall Meeting experience a very positive one. I was able to visit all Subgroup Sessions and I was extremely impressed with the quality of the discussions and presentations as well as the integration among the Groups. Several of us had the opportunity to tour the Site and I found it very informative, adding a new appreciation for the very important work done there not only today but in the past.

The past year has seen our relatively new ES&H Working Group add value to our Client the Department of Energy; an example is the special recognition from the Secretary of Energy for our efforts involving electrical safety. I look forward to another productive year as we build on the positive momentum achieved in the past year. Exciting opportunities exist in all of our Groups, and I look forward as we launch our Nanomaterial/technology initiative; leveraging the good work already underway at our National Labs.

I encourage you all to attend the Spring Meeting and continue to build on the great work we have done to date.

As we approach the last months of 2008, I wish you all a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season.

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