

OPENING STATEMENT

The Honorable Ed Pastor
Vice Chairman, Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
House Committee on Appropriations

Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the
Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management
March 16, 2010

Good afternoon. We have before us today Dr. Ines Triay, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. She is accompanied by Mr. David Geiser, Acting Director of the Office of Legacy Management. They will be presenting the President's fiscal year 2011 budget request for the Offices of Environmental Management and Legacy Management.

The Environmental Management program has operated since 1989. It has the difficult mission of cleaning up the legacy of the nation's nuclear weapons complex and other nuclear research activities. The fiscal year 2011 request for Environmental Management is \$6.3 billion, \$118 million less than fiscal year 2010. This work includes Defense and Non-defense clean-up work, as well as clean-up at the nation's uranium enrichment facilities. The Legacy Management budget request is \$189 million,

nearly the same as last year, to take over the management of the sites as they “cross the clean-up finish line.”

Ms. Triay, I know and appreciate your aggressive efforts to improve the way you do business. But we have to do better in terms of project management. With billions of dollars invested, every year we need to see results. We are very interested in hearing your progress and plans.

Mr. Geiser, you inherit these sites when the clean-up has been completed, and we look forward to your views on your mission, and the challenges you are facing in the future.

I would ask that you ensure that the hearing record, responses to the questions for the record, and any supporting information requested by the Subcommittee are delivered in final form to the Subcommittee no later than four weeks from time you receive them.

I also ask that if Members have additional questions they would like to submit for the record, that they please do so to this Subcommittee by 5:00 PM tomorrow.

With those opening comments, I would like to yield to our ranking member, Mr. Frelinghuysen, for any opening comments that he would like to make.