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Benito
Dear Mr. Garcia:

This is to thank you for the association we've had during my service as Area Manager. As you are aware, I have accepted a new assignment at the Field Management Office at DOE Headquarters. I want you to know I made this choice with mixed emotions. I am glad to accept the challenge of addressing nation-wide issues; however, I will very much miss interacting with individuals and organizations here in Northern New Mexico. It has been my pleasure to briefly touch part of the history, beauty, and set of challenges and opportunities existing in this unique place.

I regret that I will not be here to continue with the Citizens' Advisory Board. As part of my commitment to success for the Board, I have worked to establish a new position within DOE's Los Alamos Area Office for a permanent Deputy Designated Federal Official (DDFO) who will be able to devote most of his/her time to the Board and provide consistent representation for DOE through any administrative changes in the future. My efforts have been successful; I have interviewed several excellent candidates, and anticipate a permanent DDFO will begin service within weeks.

While I believe a more permanent DDFO will help, I also believe the success of the Board mainly comes from the initiative and commitment of its members. I very much acknowledge the service each Board member is making, with sacrifice of personal time and energy, on behalf of the citizens of Northern New Mexico. While this undertaking has been a new and ambitious effort, and striving for a good working partnership has been difficult at times, the Board's operation continues to provide a meaningful opportunity for citizen input to DOE's Environmental Management Program.

My best wishes and hopes are with you as you continue with the Board and in your personal endeavors. Thank you again for your important contribution and I hope that our future paths will allow us to work together again.

Sincerely,

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