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Subject: FW: SECRETARY RICHARDSON LAUNCHES FIRE ACTION PLAN

Everyone -

Please see message from Jamie.

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From: Zeisloft, Jamie
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2000 2:38 PM
To: Elzie, Teri L
Subject: FW: SECRETARY RICHARDSON LAUNCHES FIRE ACTION PLAN

Teri,

The trustees might find this interesting. Would you please forward it to them. Thanks.

Jamie

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From: ^Hanford Office of Public Affairs
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2000 2:10 PM
Subject: SECRETARY RICHARDSON LAUNCHES FIRE ACTION PLAN

ANNOUNCEMENT

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To: ALL RL EMPLOYEES

Subject: SECRETARY RICHARDSON LAUNCHES FIRE ACTION PLAN
 INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE PANEL TO ADVISE ENERGY
 DEPARTMENT ON WAYS TO IMPROVE FIRE PREPAREDNESS,
 RESPONSE

The following press release was issued by HQ today:

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson today set in motion a series of actions that will better prepare the Energy Department to prevent and respond to wildfires, especially forest and grassland fires that threaten department facilities or property. The Department of Energy is one of the largest federal landowners in the United States.

"Fires at several Energy Department sites this year underscore the need to ensure that systems are in place for dealing as effectively as possible with any future fire emergencies," Secretary Richardson said. "The actions that I am ordering today, including the establishment of a fire advisory commission, are designed to help identify and correct any deficiencies in emergency preparedness at department facilities across the country."

The three-part plan includes convening an independent commission of nationally recognized fire safety professionals to assess the adequacy of the department's fire safety programs. It also calls for an Energy Department team to conduct an immediate review of the department's fire safety and emergency management capabilities, to be followed by a comprehensive evaluation of wildfire and facility fire safety. Finally, it directs the department to formalize a cooperative agreement with the departments of Agriculture and Interior in the areas of planning, preparation, prevention and fire emergency response.

Organized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the fire advisory commission is the central component of the Secretary's Fire Action Plan. The Commission will provide guidance on the readiness of the Department of Energy complex from the threat of wild land and facility fires. The Commission also will evaluate the state of the Department's fire protection programs and emergency response systems, and review the scope and approach of the comprehensive study. The 16-member panel is chaired by Steven A. Cozen of Cozen & O'Connor, a Philadelphia-based law firm, and has two co-chairs: Jack Snell, director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building and Fire Research Laboratory, U.S. Department of Commerce, and Jessie Roberson, Member, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

Other members of the commission are:

- ◆ Kathleen Almond, executive director, Society of Fire Protection Engineers
- ◆ Daniel Arnold, vice president, Rolf Jensen & Associates
- ◆ Gary Briese, executive director, International Association of Fire Chiefs
- ◆ Kenneth Burris Jr., chief operating officer, United States Fire Administration
- ◆ Paul Croce, vice president, Factory Mutual Research
- ◆ Mike Freeman, Fire Chief of Los Angeles County, Calif.
- ◆ Debra McBaugh, Washington State Department of Health's Division of Radiation Protection
- ◆ Lorlee Mizell, Energy Communities Alliance and director, Benton County (Wash.) Emergency Services
- ◆ Anthony O'Neill, vice president, National Fire Protection Association
- ◆ Harold Schaitberger, general president, International Association of Fire Fighters
- ◆ Dr. John Till, retired rear admiral and president, Risk Assessment Corporation
- ◆ Eleanor "Ellie" Towns, regional forester, U.S. Forest Service
- ◆ Dr. Andrea Tuttle, director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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