



**The Deputy Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

March 8, 2011

Mr. Jonathan B. Jarvis  
Director  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street, NW, Room 3112  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Jarvis:

I am pleased to respond to your January 14, 2011, letter asking the Department of Energy to concur in the recommendations contained in the Department of the Interior's transmittal letter to Congress calling upon Congress to authorize a Manhattan Project National Historical Park. Such a national historical park would consist of historic assets at the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Hanford, Washington sites.

The Department of Energy has adopted the National Park Service special resource study/environmental assessment and is pleased to concur on "Revised Alternative E," which recommends an innovative partnership between the Department of Energy and National Park Service consistent with the division of roles and responsibilities described in your letter. We look forward to collaborating with the National Park Service should Congress pass legislation establishing a Manhattan Project Park.

The Department of Energy is proud of its Manhattan Project heritage and recognizes that this partnership with the National Park Service would bring one of the most significant events in 20<sup>th</sup> century America to a wider public audience.

If you require additional information, please contact me or Mr. Jeff Lane, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. B. Poneman", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel B. Poneman



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