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DOE's Regional Offices to be Realigned and Consolidated
Personal Service to Stakeholders to Continue

The six regional offices under the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) will be realigned and consolidated, as directed in the conference report to the 2006 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, into two existing organizations: the Golden Field Office (GO) in Golden, CO and the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in Morgantown, WV and Pittsburgh, PA. Our target date for the new organization to be in place is July 1, 2006, so the regional offices will close their doors no later than June 30, 2006, and the important work they do will be moved to GO and NETL, along with many of the people you have worked with over the years. All have been offered positions with the new organization. GO has been assigned the staff and workload from the Western, Central and Midwest Regional Offices. NETL has been assigned the staff and workload from the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and Northeast Regional Offices.

Please note that the cutoff date for processing new work at the regional offices is June 1, 2006, and any new awards made after June 1 will be made by NETL and GO. Please know that EERE is committed to a smooth transition into this new organizational structure. We are also committed to keeping you informed as we go through this process and to continuing the important relationships the regional offices have developed over the years.

Planning is well under way to accomplish this challenging task, and issues remain to be resolved before we can call our plan complete. In any case, we'll do our best to keep you apprised of where we are in the planning and the implementation, and we'll also keep you up to date on the issues we still need to resolve as we work through them. Look for an electronic newsletter in your inbox beginning next month and continuing through the completion of the realignment that we hope will meet your information needs.

Just as important as our keeping you informed, however, is you telling us your questions, your concerns, and your suggestions about the realignment and about ways in which we might improve upon the valuable work done by the regional offices. Send those to rostakeholders@go.doc.gov. We'll address them through the newsletter or directly to you when it seems more appropriate to do so. Your input matters very much to us as we go through this process and as we plan the post-realignment organization.

Thank you and I look forward to continuing our close working relationship with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. F. Moorer".

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