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Dear Ms. Emrick:

**SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
APPROVAL/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ASSET RETIREMENTS**

I am in receipt of your letter, dated February 19, 2025, requesting the suspension of the Department of Energy (DOE) Approval/Acknowledgement for Asset Retirements. In view of the recent successful DOE review of the Property Management system, the successful compliance with the implementation of CFR 109, and the removal of DOE Order 580.1 from the BSA Prime Contract, DOE Approval/Acknowledgement for Asset Retirements is suspended effective immediately. This suspension is based on BSA's continued operational excellence for property management and the demonstration of Contractor Assurance principles.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Romaine Howard-McKellar at romayne.howard-mckellar@science.doe.gov or extension 3842.

Sincerely,

**Robert P.
Gordon**

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SUBJECT: Suspension of DOE Approval/Acknowledgement for Asset Retirements

Dear Mr. Gordon

We would like to please bring to your attention the recent successful DOE Assessment that took place within Brookhaven Science Associate (BSA) Property Management System in July of 2024. The results of that review did not identify any major "Findings", rather eight opportunities for improvements were noted. Additionally, the success of BSA's implementation of CFR 109 has led to the ability for BHSO to remove DOE Directive 580.1 from the Prime Contract.

In view of this recent success within BSA's property management system, we respectfully request that the BHSO Contracting Officer suspend the local requirement for DOE to review/approve/acknowledge retirement notices for inventoried assets. The requirement for DOE to approve retirement notices ended when the DOE Order was deleted and is not a regulatory requirement in 41 CFR 109 – confirmed with the Office of Science's Organizational Property Management Officer (OPMO). Please note that this does not infer that there will be no oversight over the property/equipment write-offs and removal and be assured that BSA will maintain the internal requirement for the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and respective Associate Laboratory Director (ALD) review and approval for retirements relating to loss, theft, and high risk. In addition, the OPMO and BHSO will continue to receive notifications of losses and thefts as soon as they are known so there is awareness/reporting to DOE of these instances as required.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and will await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann M. Emrick", written in a cursive style.

Ann Emrick
Deputy Director for Operations

Cc: S. Alexander (BHSO), R. Howard-McKeller (BHSO), P. Pierson (BSA/PPM), D. King (BSA/PPM)