



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Colleagues:

Please allow me to introduce myself. I have recently been appointed Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy. During the inaugural meeting of the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) in June 2003, the United States was chosen to serve the first three-year chairmanship of the CSLF Policy Group. As the duties of Chairman have been discharged by the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy (or the person acting in that capacity), I look forward to chairing the Delhi meeting.

The CSLF is a unique and vital mechanism for international collaboration on a rapidly-emerging technology approach that can help all countries address their greenhouse gas emissions levels. As a result of my 30 year career as an environmental manager, a coal industry executive and a government public policy decision maker, I bring to this group a unique perspective earned and learned over a career of involvement with energy and environmental issues. I fully appreciate the value and significance of the work of the CSLF, and I relate to it on a very personal level. Moreover, I am truly excited about having the opportunity to serve in a leadership role in this important initiative.

It is clear that both the Policy and Technical Groups have made much progress in the nearly three years since the inception of the CSLF. Those of you who have worked so hard on the CSLF can be proud of what you have achieved. It is equally clear that much more remains to be done. We collectively should take full advantage of the meeting in Delhi to encourage and foster the opportunity to continue the significant collaborative achievements of the CSLF.

I have high expectations for accomplishing much at the Delhi meeting. The Policy Group will consider the progress of its activities (including work being done jointly with the International Energy Agency in response to requests from the G-8), evaluate its organizational structure and strategy, choose leadership for the next three years, and review the work of the Technical Group. The Technical Group will build on the highly productive work of its various task forces. I have also asked Dr. Victor Der, Director of the Office of Clean Energy Systems of the U.S. Department of Energy to chair the Technical Group at the meeting in Delhi and to serve until a new Technical Group Chairman begins the next three-year term.

I look forward to working with you and meeting you personally in Delhi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey D. Jarrett".

Jeffrey D. Jarrett
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Chairman, CSLF Policy Group

