

March 21, 2008

Secretary David Fleischaker
Office of the Secretary of Energy
100 North Broadway, Suite 2430
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Letter of Commitment – Dedicated Energy Crop Demonstration Fields Oklahoma Bioenergy Center

Dear Secretary Fleischaker:

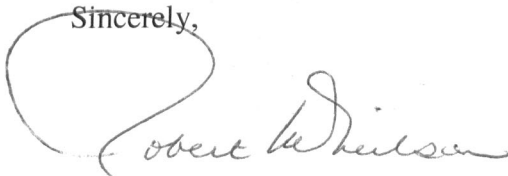
The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) is pleased to be a part of the team coordinated by the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center (OBC) to establish and productively maintain the proposed Oklahoma Dedicated Energy Crop Demonstration Fields as part of the OBC's research and demonstration objectives.

The INL is the lead feedstock supply and logistics laboratory for the Department of Energy's Office of Biomass Programs. INL has conducted considerable work in the area of feedstock harvesting, preprocessing, and handling of crop residues (wheat straw and corn stover). Building on these strengths in large-scale engineering demonstrations, the INL is well-equipped to demonstrate the viability of an integrated feedstock supply system for dedicated energy crops.

In support of the Oklahoma Dedicated Energy Crop Demonstration Fields, INL, in collaboration with Abengoa Bioenergy, will model and develop effective systems to harvest, collect and transport the anticipated tonnage of switchgrass (and other feedstocks) from the field to Abengoa Bioenergy's Hugoton biorefinery – a collaborator of the OBC.

INL recognizes the pioneering effort of Oklahoma's leadership to establish and support the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center. The OBC is important, not only to Oklahoma's effort to benefit the residents of its state, but to the greater effort to lessen the nation's dependence on foreign petroleum. We are hopeful that Oklahoma's support and funding of this project and the Oklahoma Bioenergy continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert M. Neilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Robert M. Neilson, Department Manager
Biofuels and Renewable Energy Department