



The Under Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Colleagues,

National Lab Day is this Wednesday, May 12, and I write to encourage and thank you for taking part in this important effort.

National Lab Day is a nationwide effort to connect teachers and students with their local scientists, engineers, and mathematicians with the purpose of increasing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) literacy and improving K-12 science learning experiences. At the Department of Energy, we understand the value of this effort and know that educating and training the next generation of scientists, engineers, and other STEM professionals is critical to solving many of our Country's challenges.

National Lab Day is not limited to the National Laboratories, but involves schools, educational organizations, and many federal Agencies. This year-long effort has set the ambitious goal of involving 10,000 schools and reaching one million students. To reach this target, I ask you to join me in participating in this effort and in preparing our future scientists and engineers.

On Monday, May 10, scientists and engineers across the country began pairing with local schools to meet with students and conduct discovery-based science and engineering experiences. Departmental senior leadership and employees, including myself, are visiting local schools and our efforts should compliment the activities conducted at the National Labs. Almost every DOE National Lab conducts education and outreach programs and at least nine DOE National Labs are hosting events in support of National Lab Day. To everyone involved in these events, thank you. For those who would still like to participate, you can find a list of projects at: <http://www.nationallabday.org/projects/live>.

In short, this is a wonderful opportunity for all Departmental employees to help engage, excite, and educate students in the STEM fields and help build the next generation energy leaders.

Thank you for your participation and help in preparing our future scientists and engineers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristina M. Johnson".

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