



The Secretary of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Shaffer,

Congratulations to you and your team for being part of the remarkable list of 100 examples of our finest scientific accomplishments known as The *Energy100*.

Since the Department of Energy opened its doors in 1977, it has been an incubator for innovation and technology. The *Energy100* Awards represent some of the outstanding science being advanced from Energy Department sites across the country, which is saving us money and improving the quality of our lives.

Through this list of *Energy100* Awards we honor discovery and innovation and commemorate the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Department of Energy. Your *Energy100* discovery highlights the cutting-edge science that engages Americans at Energy Department sites across our country. Taken as a whole, the *Energy100* Awards are shining examples of how DOE science makes important contributions to our lives, our homes, our transportation our businesses, our schools, our community, our world and our future.

Being nominated for the *Energy100* list by DOE labs, program offices and facilities is a significant accomplishment for your organization. I asked an outside group of distinguished, non-partisan judges to take an extra step and review the entire list and select the top 23 nominations, one for each year of this agency's existence. That panel also selected five entries for Bright Light Awards, taking consumer impact into account. I commend everyone on our *Energy100* list, including the "Energy @ 23" and "Bright Light" winners. The results can be viewed online at [www.energy.gov/energy100](http://www.energy.gov/energy100).

Energy Department scientists are a big reason why people around the globe turn to the United States for world-class research and innovation. I have been honored to be directly associated with the outstanding men and women of the Energy Department who each day contribute to America's security and well being.

Thank you and keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson

