



## Department of Energy

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TO: Governor Atiyeh

DATE: October 31, 1986

FROM: Lynn Frank

RE: Transition

I have concluded that I have too much investment in what we have done to serve another Governor.

On October 31, I would like to announce that I will be leaving December ~~31~~<sup>31</sup>, 1986. My last day of service will precede that as I will use some or all of the six weeks of vacation that has gone wanting this year.

I would ask that you appoint David O. Kish Acting Director. Dave is Administrator of my Management Services Division and is knowledgeable about the budget which will be decided in the next few months. He is also someone in whom I have unqualified confidence. He has represented me well and effectively in many forums, including the Emergency Board and in working with the Executive Department.

The more I think about it, the closer I come to admitting he would be better at this job than I.

I would be most appreciative if you could do that for me.

Finally, I must also say that I have great admiration for you. Through all these years, the only question I had to answer was what makes sense to the people of Oregon. For those who hold or aspire to elected office, that is all too rare a quality.

I have appreciated all you have done for me and will miss you.

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October 31, 1986

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh  
Governor of the State of Oregon  
Governor's Office  
Room 254  
State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you as the Director of the Department of Energy.

You have accomplished much for Oregon. Investments to reduce the costs of heating our homes and help Oregon industry become more efficient and competitive will pay dividends for years to come. State and local governments are saving millions of dollars once lost to wasted energy. Those investments make sense today, just as they did in 1979.

Your commitment to public safety has been acknowledged in an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which recognizes Oregon's authority to regulate Trojan and ensure effective emergency response.

Permit fees from shipments of radioactive materials finance a comprehensive state and local emergency response program, where before there was none.

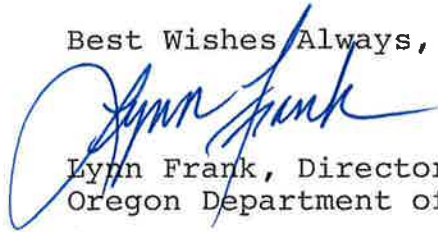
On Hanford, Oregon's voice has been heard. We were the only state able to offer Congress an agenda to enhance public health and safety at the N-Reactor. The policy direction you offered on Defense Wastes was adopted as the region's. Congress and the federal Department of Energy have not only acknowledged Oregon's role in the repository decision, they will pay us \$2.5 million for our conclusions. Through Attorney General Dave Frohnmeyer, Oregon will be well represented in litigation challenging the selection of Hanford for further consideration.

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None of this could have been accomplished without your commitment and leadership. Nor could it have been achieved but for the talented and able people at the Department of Energy. For those people, challenge posed a question not of whether, but of when. Initiative and innovation were not ambitions, but mileposts.

With the end of the year, I will be leaving public service, but with me I will take great pride in what has been accomplished.

Best Wishes Always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn Frank". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "F".

Lynn Frank, Director  
Oregon Department of Energy

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October 31, 1986

Governor Vic Atiyeh  
Capitol Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Lynn Frank, director of the Oregon Department of Energy since 1979, announced his resignation today.

Frank, 36, officially will leave December 31. He told Governor Vic Atiyeh that "after 13 years in public service, it's time for a change." Frank was a senior budget analyst in the Executive Department when the Governor named him to the energy post.

Atiyeh said he understood Frank's decision and accepted it with mixed feelings. "Lynn has been among my most able, trusted, and intelligent managers," Atiyeh said. "No department chief in my administration has worked harder in the public interest or produced better results. He has made the Department of Energy a model agency for credibility, excellence, and service to the people of Oregon.

"Rarely do we find a person so young who has his experience and record of accomplishment. Lynn knows I wish him well. I know he will succeed in whatever he pursues," Atiyeh said.

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The Department was created in 1975. Frank was the agency's third director. Conservation and renewable energy resource development programs under his guidance have saved homeowners, businesses, state agencies, and schools and local governments millions of dollars.

Frank has overseen the development of radioactive emergency response programs for the Trojan nuclear plant and transport accidents on Oregon highways. He and his staff helped Atiyeh convince Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy that Oregon must have a role in addressing and resolving nuclear waste issues at Hanford, Washington.

In a letter to Atiyeh, Frank said: "None of this could have been accomplished without your commitment and leadership. Nor could it have been accomplished but for the talented and able people at the Department of Energy.

"For those people, challenge posed a question not of whether, but of when. Initiative and innovation were not ambitions, but mileposts."

Frank said he has no specific or immediate plans. In a farewell note to his staff, he said: "I am looking forward to some quiet days to decide what mountains I want to climb next."