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Greetings:

As Assistant Secretary of Energy, it is my pleasure to commemorate the fifth annual National Nuclear Science Week. This week represents an important opportunity for educators, industry, community leaders, and citizens across our country to discuss the value of nuclear science and technology.

Nuclear energy continues to be an important part of President Obama's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy for a sustainable, secure, and clean energy future. As such, nuclear energy is a vitally important field for research and scientific discovery. In order to support our nation's goals, our best and brightest scientists must develop technologies and strategies that advance nuclear science in a way that promotes sustainability, protects our environment, and minimizes the risks of proliferation.

National Nuclear Science Week serves an important role in this vision by providing a platform for a nationwide discussion on the need to recruit the next generation of students to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Here at the Department of Energy, we remain absolutely committed to supporting graduate education, competitive research, and advanced scientific tools in the areas of nuclear physics, nuclear chemistry, and nuclear engineering.

This year's theme of "Get To Know Nuclear" is timely as we work together to promote understanding of the vital role of nuclear energy, nuclear education, nuclear medicine and all of the nuclear sciences to our nation's future. Through all of the initiatives of the Department of Energy, we seek to foster a deeper public understanding of science and energy issues.

It gives me pleasure to add my congratulations to all participating in this week and I thank you for all of your efforts to increase awareness of accomplishments and issues while promoting careers in this worthy scientific field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Lyons", written in a cursive style.

Peter B. Lyons  
Assistant Secretary  
for Nuclear Energy

