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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Sila Moses Lake Event - Seeking Your Advice
Attachments: Sila ML_One Pager Overview.pdf

Hi Helena and Gene,

Thanks for reaching out! I'm looping in additional scheduling colleagues to help carry this request forward.

In regards to the initial dates proposed, Secretary Wright is unfortunately committed on September 23rd. As for Rep. Newhouse's mention of a visit to WA in the fall, I assume he may be referring to the Secretary's visit to Hanford and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory – we are currently holding on visiting both until our Environmental Management Assistant Secretary is confirmed, which likely won't be until mid-late fall. We would be happy to explore opportunities to visit Moses Lake during that time!

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Michael, thanks so much and hope all is well.

Ashley, great to reconnect. Thanks in advance for your guidance as we plan this event around the Secretary's availability and/or plans to be in Washington State over the next 1-3 months. Looking forward to your feedback and happy to chat anytime. My cell below, and the attached backgrounder in case helpful.

Very best,
 Helena

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On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 5:19 PM Brown, Michael G. <michael.brown@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Let me try that again

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Hi Michael - I think you meant to but you didn't cc Ashley. Happy to work with her on schedule if you copy her in.

On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 2:17 PM Brown, Michael G. <michael.brown@hq.doe.gov> wrote:
+Ashley Hebert

Good to hear from you!

Michael

From: Gene Berdichevsky <gene@silanano.com>
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Hi Michael,

Hope you had a nice 4th.

We're working to determine a date for our **Start of Operations ceremony** at our Moses Lake, WA plant that may align with Secretary Wright's availability to attend. We are eager and prepared to host the Secretary and his team anytime he happens to be in Washington State. A number of our commercial partners, investors, and customers are planning to attend, but the Secretary and his team along with Congressman Newhouse are our top priorities as we select the date for the event.

Could you suggest a timeframe that could work for the Secretary to attend, or connect us with his scheduling team?

One option from Congressman Newhouse is to select a date over the September or

October recess period, likely 9/23 or 10/1, that may also work for DOE leadership to attend the event. However, he mentioned the Secretary will likely be in Central Washington for another event in early September after labor day (date TBD), therefore, potentially less likely to return to the area so soon.

The project represents US innovation leapfrogging China's stranglehold over a market central to national security. We also meet all criteria for federal tax credits under the One Big Beautiful Bill (no Chinese involvement whatsoever). We remain on track to commence mass production in Central Washington by year's end and are keen to have DOE and administration leadership participate in celebrating our plant's start-up.

Sila is an industry leader, already in the consumer electronics market, and in many ways a DOE success story: we are grateful for early ARPA-E funding for our early research spun out of Georgia Tech, as well as our \$100 million MESC grant which will allow us to scale at a pace that retains our leadership position and facilitates larger contracts and revenue generation. We have strong backers and are well-positioned to supply the global transition from graphite to silicon anodes that is already occurring in the consumer electronics market.

Thanks in advance for your guidance on the planning.

Best,
Gene

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