

From: Helena Schwarz
Sent: Thu, 31 Jul 2025 08:36:48 -0400
To: Hebert, Ashley
Cc: Brown, Michael G.; Gene Berdichevsky
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Sila Moses Lake Event - Seeking Your Advice
Attachments: Sila Start of Operations_Save the Date.pdf, Sila Moses Lake_One Page Overview.pdf

Ashley and Michael,

Hot off the press, we want to formally share an invitation with you, the Secretary, and your entire team to attend our **Start of Operations Ceremony on September 23 in Moses Lake, Washington.**

If this date remains unworkable for the Secretary, we greatly appreciate you keeping us posted as his trip to Central Washington later this fall shapes up.

Michael, we hope you and members of your team will consider attending! We would be honored if you would provide remarks as well. The event provides the perfect setting to celebrate the Administration's trade fairness and energy dominance agenda. Of course, Sila's \$100 DOE MESC grant and early ARPA-E funding are instrumental to the project's success.

As you know, Sila Nano is the global leader in silicon anode battery innovation. The facility will be the first mass-scale domestic Si/C manufacturing plant, built to leapfrog China's chokehold on global anode battery supply. The project is on schedule, on budget, a linchpin of regional manufacturing revitalization in the Northwest, and it epitomizes US capability to out-compete China through American innovation and grit. It will directly create over 500 excellent jobs (+300 indirect construction jobs) at full production. We currently employ roughly 100 FTEs at the facility.

Sincerely,
Helena

Helena Schwarz
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On Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 4:42 PM Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov> wrote:

Gene,

Please excuse my delay – sincere apologies! The Secretary does intend to visit Washington this fall/Q4, however, the planning remains in flux. We will be sure to reach out to you all once a date is finalized and plans are further developed.

Ashley Hébert

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Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 5:20 PM

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Cc: Helena Schwarz <hschwarz@silanano.com>; Hebert, Ashley <ashley.hebert@hq.doe.gov>

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Let me try that again

From: Gene Berdichevsky <gene@silanano.com>

Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 5:18:20 PM

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Cc: Helena Schwarz <hschwarz@silanano.com>

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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>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 5:05:51 PM
To: Brown, Michael G. <michael.brown@hq.doe.gov>
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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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