

Dear neighbors:

Today I visited the Bingham Facility with a number of people who have been working to understand and correct the problems out there.

First of all, I want you to know how sorry we are for the difficulties at the Bingham Facility, the confusion we have created and the lack of attention this has received. This is going to change.

I'm committed to correcting the problems out there. That's why I went out there today, and it's why I have appointed one person to oversee all the activities at the facility. I have directed Bob Lowman, associate vice chancellor for research, to take control of managing the facility and its operations. Bob is experienced in managing complex research projects. He has my full support to do whatever it takes to fix the problems.

In my assessment, the problems at the Bingham Facility result from the involvement of too many units in the University with no clear chain of command. Bob Lowman will report directly to me on matters related to the Bingham Facility. Dwayne Pinkney in my office will continue to be your primary point of contact for communications.

We will get this right. It's important to us as your neighbor, and it's important to our research mission.

Sincerely,

Holden Thorp