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Subject: UGTA Kick-Off Meeting

Dear Mr. Mellington:

Members of the Underground Test Area (UGTA) Committee and other members of the Nevada Test Site Community Advisory Board (NTS CAB) would like to express their gratitude to the Department of Energy (DOE) for inviting them to attend the annual UGTA kick-off meeting on October 25, 2006. All attendees found the meeting very informative and were impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of the individuals who were contributing to this significant scientific endeavour.

For those of us who do not have the in-depth knowledge and understanding of the UGTA program that the DOE presenters and other participants in the program possess, some minor changes in the meeting agenda would be very helpful for a better understanding of the complexity of the scientific issues as well as the overall integration of the various projects. As an example, providing the presentations prior to the poster session would give the uninitiated attendee ample time to formulate questions that could then be addressed during the poster session. In addition, a discussion of the overall integration of the various projects and their goals in solving the complex issues that need to be answered for the UGTA program would be useful. Therefore, creation of a poster illustrating the goals of the various projects and depicting how they fit into the overall program would enhance the CAB UGTA Committee's understanding of the overall integration of the project as a whole.

Once again we thank the DOE for the opportunity to attend this important event, and we look forward to a continuing beneficial working relationship with the DOE and its contractors on the UGTA program.

Sincerely,

David Hermann, Chairperson
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for Nevada Test Site Programs

cc: Kelly Snyder, DOE/NV
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