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Re: Community Advisory Board (CAB) FY 2009 Budget Prioritization

Dear Mr. Mellington:

The CAB Budget Committee has completed its annual review and prioritization of the U.S. Department of Energy's Nevada Site Office (DOE/NSO) Environmental Management (EM) projects for the FY 2009 budget submittal. The committee presented its recommendations to the full Board at the March 14, 2007, CAB Full Board meeting, where they were approved.

Last year, the Board reviewed and prioritized four EM technical projects. This year the Board also considered four projects for review. The Board has continued to place the Underground Test Area project into the number one slot. This ranking reflects our commitment to working with you to ensure that monies are available to continue drilling and monitoring efforts in support of groundwater issues at the Nevada Test Site.

Following is the Board's recommended FY 2009 budget ranking:

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Environmental Management Project</u>
1	Underground Test Area (UGTA)
2	Industrial Sites
3	Low-Level / Mixed Low-Level Waste
4	Soils

The CAB considered three criteria to rank the projects: (1) Health & Safety Risks, (2) Regulatory Requirements, and (3) Completion Schedule. We then considered any significant changes in a project area from last year, and applied that information to last year's rankings to arrive at our current recommendations.

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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the annual budget prioritization and for the assistance provided by the EM staff. Each project manager took the time to meet with Budget Committee members and provided detailed follow-up information. We sincerely appreciate this support and look forward to your response related to this year's budget submittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David G. Hermann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Hermann, Chairperson
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