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SUBJECT: Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (CAB)  
Recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Budget Prioritizations

Dear Ms. Appenzeller-Wing:

The CAB Budget Committee has completed its annual review and prioritization of the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office (DOE NSO) Environmental Management (EM) projects for the FY 2011 budget submittal. The committee presented its recommendations to the Full Board at its March 11, 2009 meeting, where they were approved.

Last year the Board reviewed and prioritized four EM technical sub-projects. This year the Board considered these same four sub-projects. The Board continues to place the highest priority on the Underground Test Area sub-project. This ranking reflects our commitment to working with EM to ensure budget dollars are available for continued drilling and monitoring efforts in support of groundwater issues at the Nevada Test Site.

Following is the CAB's recommended FY 2011 budget ranking. A variety of factors were considered including: health and safety risks, regulatory requirements and completion schedules. We also considered any significant changes in sub-project areas from last year and applied that information to arrive at our current recommendations.

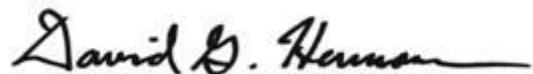
1. Underground Test Area (UGTA)
  - Drilling – to calibrate and validate flow models
  - Potential impact on the public, particularly offsite rural communities
2. Low-Level and Mixed Low-Level Waste
  - Complex-wide impact
  - End in sight – 92 acres
  - Study of potential new Mixed Low-Level Waste disposal unit
3. Industrial Sites
  - Finite plan for site closures
  - 2012 end date for all Corrective Action Units

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4. Soils
  - Continue communication with Air Force
  - No immediate identifiable need/risk

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

Sincerely,



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