



Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Department of Energy Environmental
Management Community Outreach Programs and Initiatives

Dear Ms. Appenzeller-Wing,

The Community Advisory Board for the Nevada Test Site Programs (CAB) has dedicated numerous committee meetings to studying the Department of Energy Nevada Site Office Environmental Management (EM) existing community educational outreach program, as well as potential educational outreach initiatives.

Based on these meetings, the CAB recommends the EM Program increase the methods currently used to create public awareness of the history and steps being taken at the Nevada Test Site by the EM Program to protect our state's valuable groundwater resources and ensuring the safety of our environment. In addition, the CAB is constantly looking for new ways to inform the public about efforts by the Nevada Site Office in this regard.

The CAB recommends EM publicize the Nevada Site Office website and the envmgt@nv.doe.gov email address as a source for teachers and students to find additional information about the Nevada Site Office. This would include suggesting teachers encourage their students to use the email address as a way to get questions answered by Nevada Site Office professionals. For example, teachers could give students assignments for classroom presentations based on EM website content. Although the website is continuously up and running, we would suggest a 48-hour response to email questions. These tools should be advertised via radio, TV, newspaper articles and/or letters to teachers.

We look forward to hearing from you with regard to the above-listed recommendation and procedure for community educational outreach.

Sincerely,

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