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SUBJECT: Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (CAB) -
Recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 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 2010 budget submittal. The committee presented its recommendations to the Full Board at its March 11, 2008 meeting, where they were approved.

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

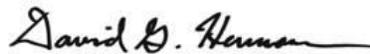
Following is the Board's recommended FY 2010 budget ranking, outlining the justification for each ranking. The CAB considered a variety of factors, including: health and safety risks, regulatory requirements, and completion schedules. We also considered any significant changes in a sub-project area from 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-acre
- 3) **Industrial Sites**
 - Finite plan for site closures
 - By 2012 - for all Corrective Action Units
- 4) **Soils**
 - Controversy with the U.S. Air Force
 - Stability of soil
 - No immediate identifiable need/risk

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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 federal sub-project director took the time to meet with CAB 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Hermann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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