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SUBJECT: *Recommendations pertaining to the Phase II Corrective Action Investigation Plan for Corrective Action Units 101 and 102: Central and Western Pahute Mesa, Nevada Test Site, Nye County, Nevada, Draft Revision No.: 0, August 2008*

The Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (CAB) would like to make the following recommendations pertaining to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Nevada Site Office Environmental Management's Underground Test Area (UGTA) Sub-Project, with specific reference to the document stated above in the subject of this letter, hereafter referred to as the Phase II CAIP report.

The Phase II CAIP report is a well-organized document written for easy reading and understanding, including presentation of maps, charts, tables, acronym identifications, and table of contents. The Corrective Action Plan provides details for implementing approved corrective actions. The data analyses review from Phase I supports the proposed data collection and analysis activities planned for Phase II.

The corrective action strategy is well explained and points to the CAB's number one priority which is to try to establish where contaminated groundwater is located, down gradient and potentially toward off-site communities surrounding the Nevada Test Site (NTS). Additionally, the strategy will address the CAB's interest in the determination of how fast and in what direction groundwater is flowing.

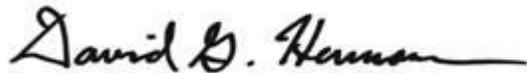
The CAB proposes three recommendations pertaining to the Phase II CAIP report and drilling program. They are as follows:

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- ◆ Provide a section in the document that clearly states what the CAB's well has become in terms of the UGTA Technical Working Group's numbering scheme.
- ◆ Provide a map showing the NTS Pahute Mesa Thirsty Canyon Liniment, the Bench, faults, and major geologic features, with differentiations that show the CAB's original well proposals versus the final well siting decisions. Perhaps use two different colors for differentiation.
- ◆ Develop a Communication Plan that outlines the public outreach strategy for communicating the UGTA Pahute Mesa Phase II drilling program and the results of the data collection and analysis.

The CAB appreciates the opportunity to provide recommendations to the DOE Nevada Site Office. We look forward to your formal response to our concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,



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