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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014 BUDGET PRIORITIZATION RECOMMENDATION

I would like to extend my gratitude to the NSSAB for discussing and evaluating the Environmental Management (EM) activities for the FY 2014 budget prioritization. The NSSAB's budget prioritization is very important to the Nevada Site Office (NSO) as well as the entire Environmental Management program. The NSSAB's prioritization ranking is a key component in developing our budget recommendation to Headquarters.

Recently, I met with NSO EM staff and conducted a similar ranking. The chart below illustrates both the NSSAB's ranking and NSO EM's ranking.

FY 2014		
Activity	NSSAB Ranking	Nevada Site Office/ EM Ranking
Underground Test Area	1	1
Low-Level Waste	2	2
Soils	3	3
Industrial Sites	4	4

As a result of your recommendation and discussions with my staff, the NSO EM has ranked the FY 2014 activities in the same order. The NSSAB recommendation will be included within the material provided by the NSO to EM Headquarters for budget deliberations.

Again, thank you for the time and effort the NSSAB devoted to the FY 2014 budget prioritization process. I value the NSSAB's input and look forward to continuing this annual task.

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If you have questions regarding EM's ranking or the budget process, please contact Kelly K. Snyder, of my staff, at (702) 295-2836.



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