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**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND
INITIATIVES**

I would like to thank the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Nevada Test Site (NTS) Programs, and specifically the Outreach Committee, for the July 8, 2009, recommendation letter regarding enhancing the Nevada Site Office (NSO) website and expanding the use of the envmgt@nv.doe.gov e-mail address. Due to our relatively limited program funding and staff, I am not able to implement your recommendation regarding creating a NTS hotline for teachers. Part of my responsibility as the Acting Assistant Manager for Environmental Management is to accomplish the Environmental Management (EM) mission at the NTS in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. While I would like to support all reasonable stakeholder recommendations, I am not able to do so with our current resources.

The existing NSO website has been, and will continue to be, available to all members of the public, including teachers and students, and we will continue to ensure all questions received through e-mail, phone, or fax are answered in a timely manner. In addition, one of EM's outreach goals is to reach as many interest groups as possible given available budgets and resources. The Operation Clean Desert program has proven an effective and successful tool to reach the school communities.

I encourage the CAB to focus their outreach efforts on ways to create awareness of Board activities and gain more active participation in CAB activities from the community as a whole.

If you have questions or would like to discuss our current and ongoing public involvement activities, please contact me at (702) 295-7063 or Kelly Snyder, of my staff, at (702) 295-2836.


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