



## **DRAFT AGENDA**

**CAB FY 2006 Mid-Year Retreat & Administrative Meeting**  
National Atomic Testing & History Institute Conference Room  
June 3, 2006 – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

12:45 – 1:00	<i>GATHER</i>	
1:00 – 1:30	Welcome / Ice Breaker	Carla Sanda, Facilitator
1:30 – 1:40	Agenda review / approval	All
1:40 – 1:55	Recommendations / Comments to CAB Work Plan Development DOE NSO Perspective	Tim Murphy, NDEP Kelly Snyder
1:55 - 2:10	Work Plan Development Protocol	Facilitator
	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:10 – 3:45	Work Plan Break-Out	Groups
3:45 – 4:15	Committee Work Plan Reports	Committee Chairs
4:15 – 4:25	Committee Work Plan Approvals	All
4:15 – 4:20	Mid-Year Self Assessment	Carla Sanda
4:20 – 4:40	Other Business	All
	- SSAB April Chairs Meeting/Approval of Letters	
	- July Administrative Meeting	
	- CAB Membership Packet Update	
	- CAB Web Page	
	- CAB Charter/SOP Review	
4:40 – 5:00	Meeting Wrap / Assessment / Adjourn	



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CAB ORIENTATION**

National Atomic Testing & History Institute Conference Room  
June 3, 2006 – 8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

8:00 – 8:15	<i>GATHER</i>	
8:15 - 8:25	Welcome/ Introductions	Carla Sanda, Facilitator
8:25 – 8:45	EM Overview Group Discussion / Q&As	Stephen Mellington, Assistant Manager for Environmental Management
8:45 – 9:05	Soils Group Discussion / Q&As	John Jones
9:05 – 9:25	Industrial Sites Group Discussion / Q&As	Sabine Curtis
9:25 – 9:45	Underground Test Area Group Discussion / Q&As	Bill Wilborn
9:45 – 10:00	BREAK	
10:00 - 10:20	Transuranic / Mixed Transuranic Waste Group Discussion / Q&As	Joni Norton
10:20 – 10:40	Low-Level Waste Group Discussion / Q&As	Frank DiSanza
10:40 - 11:00	Mixed Low-Level Waste Group Discussion / Q&As	Frank DiSanza
11:00 – 11:30	Welcome Aboard!	Kelly Snyder, DOE Deputy Designated Federal Officer Carla Sanda
11:30 – 11:45	Wrap-Up	Facilitator
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch	



## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

***FY 2006 Work Plan – Developed at December 3, 2005 CAB Retreat***

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### **Committee Members**

**David Hermann, Chair  
Jack Ramsey, Vice Chair**

**Committee Members: Bob Gatliff, Kaye Allisen-Medlin, Charley Phillips**

The following initiatives were developed at the CAB's December 3 Work Plan Retreat:

- 1. January 2006: Conduct first meeting and assign projects to CAB Members**
- 2. January and February 2006: Meet with project managers**
- 3. March 2006: Establish priorities and draft recommendation letter**
- 4. March 2006: Presentation of project priorities to Board at March or April meeting and approval of recommendation letter to DOE.**



## **DIVERSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

***FY 2006 Work Plan – Developed at December 3, 2005 CAB Retreat***

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### **Committee Members**

**Jackson Ramsey, Chair**

**Members: Kaye Allisen-Medlin, David Hermann, Marian Lawrence, Kathleen Peterson,  
and Charley Phillips**

The following initiatives were developed at the CAB's December 3, 2005, Work Plan Retreat:

- 1. Review CAB By-Laws related to liaison members; consider revising membership and inviting "new faces" to participate (e.g., Brent Jones, Nye County Emergency Preparedness) and make recommendations to the Board by February 2006.**
- 2. Place recruitment ads (public service announcements, internet databases, etc.) by January 2006 and review responses by February 2006**
- 3. Conduct personal interview of applicants in March 2006 and recommend qualified people to the Board by April 2006**
- 4. Invite new members May 2006**



## **TRANSPORTATION / WASTE COMMITTEE**

***FY 2006 Work Plan – Developed at December 3, 2005 CAB Retreat***

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### Committee Members

John Pawlak, Chair

David Hermann Vice-Chair

Committee Members: Marian Lawrence, and Kathleen Peterson

The following initiatives were developed at the CAB's December 3, 2005, Work Plan Retreat

1. Review and comment on options for preparing to the National Low-Level and Mixed Low-Level Waste Disposition Plan
2. Work with David Shafer in developing a presentation for public outreach on the DRI Transportation Study –they conducted a study to assess the potential exposure from truck transport of low-level radioactive waste to the Nevada Test Site - possibly at the February 2006 Pahrump public meeting.
3. Review the DOE CAU Process and consider a method of providing the reports to those who are interested.
4. TRU
  - TRU in the Trenches
  - A presentation by Dr. Bruce Crowe on the Performance Assessment and TRU in the Trenches
  - MLLW Waste Acceptance Criteria
  - TRU Letter to Joni Norton
  - CAB Tour of Area 5
5. Recruit new members for the T/W Committee
6. Review the 5 options considered by the T/W Committee for the Clean Slate Soils Remediation.



## **UNDERGROUND TEST AREA (UGTA) COMMITTEE**

***FY 2006 Work Plan – Developed at December 3, 2005, CAB Retreat***

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### Committee Members

Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen, Chair  
Genne Nelson, Vice Chair

CAB Committee Members: Robert Gatliff, Steve Hopkins, Charley Phillips

UNLV Technical Support Team Members: Dr. Helen Neill, Savanna Reid

The following initiatives were developed at the CAB's December 3 Work Plan Retreat:

1. Finalize formal detailed letter to Steve Mellington, NNSA/NSO, recommending locations for original three wells and including the change for well #3 and a path forward.
2. Review new data from DOE (maps and Flow Model Report) and based on the new data, change the previous location of well 3 and develop additional well locations for recommendation.
3. Finish development of the comprehensive report supporting the original well recommendations developed by UNLV support staff.
4. Review any additional pertinent UGTA reports.



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## **FY 2006 Mid-Year Self-Evaluation October 2005 – June 3, 2006**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Nevada Test Site Programs is one of nine Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) chartered throughout the U.S. Department of Energy complex to provide informed feedback on Environmental Management activities. An excerpt from the national charter established for the SSABs, describes the objective, scope of activity and duties of the SSAB, as follows:

*In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the EM SSAB will provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM), the appropriate DOE Field Managers or Assistant Managers for Environmental Management activities, and any other U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) official the Assistant Secretary shall designate, with information, advice, and recommendations concerning issues affecting the EM program at various sites. Specifically, the Board will provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any other EM project or issue.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The mission of the CAB is to provide recommendations and advice to the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office (DOE/NSO) Assistant Manager for Environmental Management relative to Environmental Management (EM) programs, which includes environmental restoration and waste management activities at the Nevada Test Site (NTS). This requires the review of related plans and programs, reviewing and prioritizing EM projects and forwarding comments and recommendations from the CAB to DOE/NSO for review and action, as appropriate.

This self-evaluation includes a recap of the NTS CAB's activities and letters to the DOE/EM program. The evaluation also addresses challenges and issues as well as suggested approaches to address those challenges and issues.

The CAB's work scope includes monthly full Board Administrative meetings, as-needed working committee meetings, publicized full Board meetings, and participation in national SSAB meetings and workshops. Board members may also attend training sessions provided throughout the year to improve their knowledge and understanding of the projects upon which they were working, which are also included in this document.

In addition to attending full Board meetings and committee meetings, CAB volunteer members and liaison members contribute countless hours to studying and addressing a myriad of complex issues. These activities provide a foundation on which the CAB bases its recommendations to the NTS EM program.

The bulk of the CAB's work is initiated and completed within committees, which are led by a chairperson and vice chairperson. CAB members bring a diverse community perspective to their efforts and are required to serve on at least one working committee. Each committee is empowered to conduct research, evaluate documents, analyze issues, interview EM project managers and produce written recommendations on issues for discussion and/or approval by the CAB as a whole. Work products include formal recommendations; analysis of technical, legal and socioeconomic issues; and information for the public. Recommendations are initially developed within the working committees and then presented to the full Board for discussion / approval. Approved recommendations are formally transmitted to the Assistant Manager for Environmental Management for consideration and action.

## **I. FY 2006 Activities**

### **October 2005**

- October 14: UGTA Committee Meeting – CAB Office
  - CAB Participants: Kathleen Peterson, Genne Nelson, Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen
  - Staff Participants: Carla Sanda, Kelly Snyder, Helen Neill, Kay Planamento
  - Committee members met with Bill Wilborn to review aerial photos of proposed well locations identified by the UGTA Committee and discuss path forward; review well recommendation report to ensure it is formatted in a manner easy for stakeholders to read and to identify report completion deliverable date.
  
- October 20: UGTA Kick-Off – National Atomic Testing & History Institute Conference Room

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## **November 2005**

- November 9: Administrative Meeting – Cheyenne Conference Room
  - Election of Officers
  - Interim CAB support
  - Retreat Planning
  - Update on Nye County stakeholder groups
  - Committee reports
  - Verbal reports for SSAB Semi-Annual Chairs meeting sponsored by the INL Site EM CAB in Idaho Falls, ID
  
- November 22: UGTA Committee Meeting
  - CAB Participants: Genne Nelson, Steve Hopkins, Kathleen Peterson, Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen, Robert Gatliff
  - Staff Participants: Kay Planamento
  - Committee members met with Bill Wilborn, John McCord, Brad Ruskauff, Jeff Wertz, and Tad Beard to become more familiar with modeling techniques used on the UGTA project and address questions posed by Committee members related to those efforts.

## **December 2005**

- December 3: CAB Work Plan Retreat – National Atomic Testing & History Institute Conference Room
  - Waste Management OverviewDRI Report: Assessing Potential Exposure from Truck Transport of Low-Level Radioactive Waste to the Nevada Test Site
  - Work Plan Development
  
- December 3: Administrative Meeting – National Atomic Testing & History Institute Conference room
  - Approved FY 2006 committee work plans

## **JANUARY 2006**

- January 11: Kathleen Peterson, CAB Chair, met with James Rispoli, DOE-HQ, regarding CAB and stakeholder involvement activities
  
- January 11: Administrative Meeting – Cheyenne Office
  - Recap of Rispoli Meeting
  - Overview of Performance Assessment Activities provided by Dr. Bruce Crowe
  - Committee Updates
  - February Public Meeting Planning
  - Update on Nye County stakeholder groups

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## **FEBRUARY 2006**

- February 1: Developed informational video of Kathleen Peterson that will be shown on Pahrump Channel 41 to announce the February public meeting and current CAB recruitment
- February 8: CAB Public Meeting – Bob Ruud Community Center, Pahrump, NV
  - NTS Transuranic Waste Success Story briefing by Joni Norton, DOE NSO
  - Committee Updates
- February 16: SSAB Chairs Conference Call
  - LLW/MLLW Disposition Plan Update
  - Agenda approval for April Chairs' meeting
  - Planning for Fall 2006 Chairs meeting
  - Site reports

## **MARCH 2006**

- March 16: Budget Committee Meeting, CAB Office – committee members met with individual project managers; discussed and finalized FY 2008 budget recommendations that will be presented for full Board approval
- March 16: Recruitment Committee Meeting, CAB Office – reviewed applications received to date; identified candidates for upcoming interviews

## **APRIL 2006**

- April 5: Recruitment Committee Meeting, CAB Office – interviewed new member applicants
- April 6: Recruitment Committee Meeting, CAB Office – completed new member applicant interviews; reached agreement on candidate recommendations for full Board approval
- April 26 – 28: SSAB Chairs Semi-Annual Meeting, Oak Ridge Tennessee
  - CAB Participants: Kathleen Peterson, David Hermann
  - Staff Participants: Kelly Snyder, Carla Sanda
  - Toured Oak Ridge Reservation
  - Agenda Items: Update on Waste Disposition Strategy, Lessons Learned from Closure Sites, Discussion with James Rispoli, FY 2007 Budget Review, Briefing on Nuclear Materials Disposition, Site Reports on Key issues
- April 27-29 – DOE/HQ Semi-Annual SSAB Chairs Meeting – Augusta, GA
  - CAB Attendees: Charles Phillips, Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen

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- Staff Attendees: Carla Sanda
- Focus
  - Nine Boards reported on top 3 issues at their respective sites
  - Planning for National Stakeholder Forum on Waste Disposition
  - Oak Ridge Stewardship Education Resource Kit
  - Briefing by Frank Marcinowski, DOE-HQ, on national approach to waste disposition issues
  - Future of EM SSABs

## **MAY 2005**

- May 4: Nevada Test Site (NTS) Tour – full day tour designed to orient new members to both historical and ongoing NTS activities
- May 11: SSAB Chairs' Conference Call
  - National Waste Disposition Reports update by Christine Gelles
  - Update on Fall 2006 SSAB Chairs' Meeting
  - SSAB status reports
  - Congressional Update

**CAB MEMBERS: THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGES/ISSUES AND SUGGESTED APPROACHES ARE FROM LAST YEAR'S STATUS REPORT. PLEASE REVIEW AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGES**

## **II. CHALLENGES / ISSUES**

- Ongoing need remains for active Native American participation
- Stakeholder attendance at quarterly public meetings is sparse
- Additional community outreach

## **SUGGESTED APPROACHES**

- Identify options and/or entities that may result in effective solicitation of Native American participation in CAB activities
- Provide up-front publicity for public meetings; e.g., flyers posted throughout communities, radio / television public service announcements, provide briefings at community meetings in advance of meetings. Identify opportunities to schedule the *CAB Roadshow*
- Consider public meetings, the *CAB Roadshow*, and/or informational workshops in rural communities surrounding the NTS; e.g., Amargosa, Beatty, Caliente

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## About the CAB

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The Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (NTS CAB) is a federally-chartered and appointed formal group of volunteers and liaison members organized to provide informed recommendations and advice to the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office Environmental Management program.

NTS CAB sub-committees study environmental management issues, such as radioactive waste management and environmental restoration activities, and provide recommendations to the full Board. Meetings are open to the public and participation is encouraged.

## Who We Are

The Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (NTS CAB) is comprised of volunteer members who represent Nevada stakeholders by reviewing and commenting on environmental restoration (i.e. groundwater contamination, historic nuclear test area clean-up, etc.) and waste management (i.e. radioactive waste transportation and disposal) activities at the Nevada Test Site. The NTS CAB members bring a variety of perspectives to the Board on issues of significant concern to the region. Members also offer scientific and technical expertise to the Board, including rural interests, environmental concerns, or local government viewpoints.

Liaison members, while not voting members, participate in NTS CAB deliberations and contribute their institutional views. Liaison members represent: the State of Nevada; Nye County, Nevada; the National Park Service; the Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Nevada Site Office's Environmental Management program.

Feedback from the NTS CAB can be initiated in a variety of ways. The DOE may request that the NTS CAB review specific issues of concern. Also, the NTS CAB may independently initiate issues for review that are then transmitted to the DOE.



The NTS CAB also functions as an educational and informational link to the community by providing an opportunity for residents to understand and comment on environmental activities at the Nevada Test Site. Through public meetings the NTS CAB is dedicated to furthering community feedback. The NTS CAB openly solicits public participation in all its meetings.

To learn more about the CAB and their current activities please visit the [Meetings & Minutes webpage](#).

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**CAB Monthly Update**  
**June 2006**

**Industrial Sites:**

**Accomplishments (April and May)**

- Completed characterization fieldwork at Corrective Action Unit (CAU) 118: Area 27 Super Kukla Facility, CAU 137: Waste Disposal Sites and CAU 555: Septic Systems
- Received Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) approval of the Closure Report for CAU 204: Storage Bunkers.
- Completed corrective action fieldwork at CAU 540: Spill Sites and CAUs 530-535: Mud Pits.
- Completed corrective action fieldwork at CAU 528: Polychlorinated Biphenyls Contamination.

**Expectations (June)**

- Begin radiological and geophysical surveys at CAU 484: Surface Debris, Waste Sites, and Burn Area (Tonopah Test Range).
- Complete corrective action fieldwork at CAU 214: Bunkers and Storage Areas, and CAU 538: Spill Sites.
- Receive state approval of the Corrective Action Investigation Plan for CAU 139: Waste Disposal Sites and of the Closure Report for CAUs 530-535: Mud pits.
- Complete low-level waste disposal for CAU 115: Area 25 Test Cell A Facility.

**Underground Test Area Project:**

**Accomplishments (April & May)**

Frenchman Flat

- Completed the Final Phase II Flow Model Report
- Continuing Phase II Transport Model analysis

Pahute Mesa

- Continuing DOE/NSO review comment responses and the revision of the Final Phase I Flow Model Report
- Continuing Phase I Transport Model analysis

Yucca Flat

- Completed draft Phase I Hydrology Report
- Completed DOE/NSO review of Phase I Hydrology Report
- Continuing Phase I Transport Parameter analysis

Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain

- Continuing Phase I Geologic Model development
- Completed well ER-12-4 pump installation and groundwater sampling
- A low-volume electric submersible pump and access tubing were installed in the ER-12-4 investigation well, the well was purged and samples collected
- Received approval to distribute Well Completion Reports for ER-12-3 and ER-12-4
- Complete Hydro Framework Model

**Expectations (June):**

Frenchman Flat

- Continue Phase II Transport Model analysis

#### Pahute Mesa

- Complete the Final Phase I Flow Model Report
- Continue Phase I Transport Model analysis

#### Yucca Flat

- Complete DOE/NSO review comment responses and the revision of the Final Phase I Hydrology Report

#### Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain

- Continue Phase I Geologic Model development
- Deepen ER-16-1
- Distribute Completion Reports for ER-12-3 and ER-12-4
- Complete one Alternative Model

#### Overall

- Continue Phase I geologic, hydrologic and geochemical data acquisition

### **Soils Project**

#### **Accomplishments for April and May:**

- Continued planning radiological area access control fieldwork for Clean Slate I (CSI), Clean Slate II (CSII), and Clean Slate III (CSIII).
- Established subcontract for unexploded ordnance (UXO) survey support for CSI, CSII, and CSIII.
- Began generating work control documentation for the implementation of UXO and radiological surveys at CSI, CSII, and CSIII.
- Began establishing subcontract for fence installation at CSII and CSIII.
- Completed planning radiological area access control fieldwork for CSI, CSII, and CSIII.
- Completed generating work control documentation for the implementation of UXO and radiological surveys at CSI, CSII, and CSIII.
- Completed training of subcontract UXO personnel.
- Continued establishing subcontract for fence installation at CSII and CSIII.
- Began developing Real Estate Operations Permits for the Soils Sites. This included developing strategies to define the boundaries of the Soils Sites, investigating the extent of existing fencing and posting of contamination area around the Soils Sites, and beginning ground truth surveys of the areas of Fencing and posting.
- Refine estimated costs in Rev.7 of the Baseline for the 25 highest potential additional Soils Sites to reflect differences in the areas of the sites and complexity of the planned work.
- Modify the cost estimates in Rev. 7 of the Baseline to better reflect expected remediation costs for CAU 413 (Clean Slate II) and CAU 414 (Clean Slate III). Revised costs will include required Documented Safety Analysis and UXO work.

#### **Expectations for June:**

- Begin UXO surveys at CSI, CSII, and CSIII.
- Begin radiological surveys at CSII.
- Continue establishing subcontract for fence installation at CSII and CSIII.
- Conduct comment resolution meeting with the Air Force concerning alternatives available for addressing the CS II site.

## **Nevada Offsites Project**

### **Accomplishments for (April/May):**

- The final well installation report for Corrective Action Unit 443, Central Nevada Test Area, Nye County, Nevada Rev 0 was approved.
- The monitoring wells (MV-3 and MV-1) at the Project Shoal Area were completed; drilling has been initiated on the final hole.

### **Expectations (June):**

- The Project Shoal Area drilling and well installation operations will be completed.

## **Low-Level Waste (LLW):**

### **Accomplishments (April and May)**

- Conducted six LLW Generator Facility Surveys.
- Received 1,016, 226 cubic feet in FY 2006. As of May 15, 2006, the NTS received 748,545 cubic feet in 675 shipments.
- LLW Operations has worked 257,765 hours since last lost time accident (Sept 2003).
- Hosted the Generators' Workshop on April 24- 27.
- Hosted the Low-Level Waste Federal Review Group meeting on April 26 -29.

### **Expectations (June)**

- Will conduct one facility evaluation in June.
- Will send out FY2007 LLW forecast letters to generators
- Will hold conference call May 31, 2006 with DOE Generator Points of Contact to discuss potential LLW efficiencies volumes.
- Expecting to receive an additional ~125,500 ft<sup>3</sup> of LLW by the end of the June.

## **Mixed Low-Level Waste (MLLW):**

### **Accomplishments (April and May)**

- Conducted mock Compliance Evaluation Inspection to prepare for the NDEP's Compliance Evaluation Inspection in June.
- The MLLW forecast expected in FY 2006 is 28,248 cubic feet.
- First MLLW shipment received April 11, 2006. NDEP was present when shipment arrived and witness off-loading and Real-Time Radiography process.

### **Expectations**

- Expecting to receive 2,400 cubic feet of MLLW at the NTS in June.
- Will send FY 2007 MLLW forecast letters to the NTS generators.

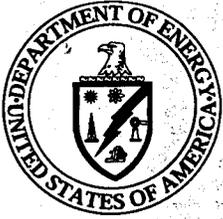
## **Transuranic Waste (TRU):**

### **Accomplishments (April and May)**

- A contract has been awarded to perform Non-Destructive Assay (NDA) on 58 boxes and approximately 100 drums at NTS Area 5. Movement of the boxes and drums from the TRU Pad Cover Building to the NDA began April 27, 2006. The In-Situ Object Counting System (ISOCS), the form of NDA that is being used, will determine the radioactive contents of the containers in order to sort the LLW from the TRU waste. To date, 37 boxes have completed assay.

### **Expectations (June)**

- **Real-Time Radiography and ISOCS will continue processing boxes and drums in June 2006; working Friday and Saturday due to schedule slippage.**
- **An approved Management Self Assessment is expected in June**



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Kathleen Peterson, Chairperson  
Community Advisory Board for  
Nevada Test Site Programs  
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**RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) FOR NEVADA TEST SITE PROGRAMS FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET PRIORITIZATION**

Thank you for the many hours you spent studying and evaluating the Environmental Management (EM) projects for the FY 2008 budget prioritization. The CAB's prioritization is very important to me as well as the entire EM staff. We realize your effort took countless hours, but it is a valuable component in the development our recommendation to Headquarters.

After receiving the CAB's letter, dated April 12, 2006, I met with EM staff to conduct a similar ranking system. As you can see in the chart below we both ranked the Underground Test Area sub-project as our number one priority.

<b>Sub-Projects</b>	<b>CAB Ranking</b>	<b>NNSA/NSO Ranking</b>
Underground Test Area	1	1
Industrial Sites	2	3
Soils	3	5
Mixed Low-Level Waste	4	2
Low-Level Waste	4	4

Since the remaining sub-projects are ranked differently I would like to explain our rationale. We have elected to rank the Mixed Low-Level Waste Subproject as our second priority to ensure that we support waste generators throughout the Department of Energy complex as they work toward their accelerated cleanup goals. The Soils sub-project was ranked as our fifth priority due to the ongoing negotiations with the United States Air Force.

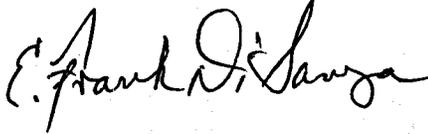
Again, thank you for the time and effort the CAB devoted to the FY 2008 budget prioritization process. I value the CAB's prioritization and look forward to continuing this annual task.

Kathleen Peterson

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



for Stephen A. Mellington  
Assistant Management  
for Environmental Management

PSG:1949.KS

cc:

C. M. Sanda, Consensus by Design,  
Las Vegas, NV

K. S. Snyder, PSG, NNSA/NSO,  
Las Vegas, NV

## **Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board**

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Savannah River**

Date

Mr. James A. Rispoli  
EM-1/DOE-HQ Forrestal Building  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Rispoli:

### **Recommendation for EM SSAB Input to Future Site Environmental Budget Requests**

The Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) would like to express our gratitude for your active participation at our recent Chairs' meeting. As you know, at the meeting we discussed the President's FY 2007 budget for Environmental Management (EM), which contains major cuts in the budgets requested by individual sites. The EM SSAB Chairs are very concerned that this will result in insufficient funds for existing commitments on cleanup activities and regulatory compliance. The EM SSAB Chairs recommend that the development of EM budgets include EM SSAB participation to assist in establishing priorities and requested budgets for environmental actions.

As a result of the budget shortfalls, regulatory requirements, commitments to stakeholders, and continued risk reduction will not be comprehensively addressed. At some sites risk may actually increase. Many of the positive benefits of existing partnering relationships between DOE, stakeholders, and regulatory agencies at individual sites may be negatively impacted by these shortfalls. No doubt these budget reductions will result in delays in cleanup actions, increased costs for total cleanup, and likely penalties or fines to be paid by DOE.

Many EM SSABs have not been able to effectively participate in the recent site EM budget processes. In recent years, the loss of input by many of the local EM SSABs has resulted in surprise and concern within the EM SSAB for the priorities identified for EM budgets in the coming years. Some sites have individual environmental contamination issues of extreme concern. One example is the contamination of a sole-source aquifer, which apparently does not rank high in the set of proposed EM priorities. The stated EM objective of risk reduction at sites can be better implemented by a risk-informed decision process involving the EM SSAB, other stakeholders, and the regulatory agencies at each site.

The EM SSABs request to be included in a consistent and an effective EM budget process to assist in the establishment of priorities and levels of funding for each site. To implement this process, the EM SSABs request that EM provide guidance to site managers to work with EM SSABs to assist in the establishment of EM budget priorities and allocations for sites.

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Mr. James A. Rispoli

Date

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The EM SSABs look forward to providing continued advice to and support of DOE's environmental cleanup activities at individual sites. We believe our knowledge and recommendations about concerns of the local citizens can be of benefit to individual sites and to the DOE complex.

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Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

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Nevada Test Site Citizens Advisory Board

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## Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board

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Date

Mr. James A. Rispoli  
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Dear Mr. Rispoli:

### **Incorporation of Lessons Learned in Future Site Closures**

The EM Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs wish to acknowledge, congratulate, and thank all those who have been involved in the tireless, consistent, and thorough work of the Fernald and Rocky Flats SSABs. Past and current members, along with agency and contractor support, have contributed immensely to the success of the Fernald and Rocky Flats Closure Projects and, in the process, have provided valuable guidance and experience for future Office of Environmental Management (EM) site cleanup and closure.

To take full advantage of this experience, the Chairs request that EM ensure the following lessons provided by the Fernald and Rocky Flats SSABs are considered and incorporated in policies that ultimately will guide closure at other EM sites.

- A transparent, open, and consultative decision-making process among the Department of Energy (DOE), regulators, contractors, and the community is critical in fostering cleanup success and site closure.
- The Chairs believe the Local Stakeholder Organization (LSO) legislation for Fernald, Rocky Flats, and Mound was seriously flawed. In order to improve the process in the future, EM should work with other DOE landlord programs (e.g., the Office of Legacy Management) to ensure that continuing stakeholder involvement entities: (1) are Federal Advisory Committee Act chartered to allow operation in an advisory role; (2) are scoped to address all potential future long-term stewardship, cleanup, and public involvement issues at the closure site; (3) are fully representative of the community; and (4) build on the experience of the local EM SSAB (e.g., decision-making processes, membership, scope of issues, etc.)
- EM should engage other DOE landlord programs early in planning to ensure a smooth and sound site transition from EM.
- EM policy should facilitate active engagement between other DOE landlord programs and the local EM SSAB. This should include EM encouraging and facilitating the new landlord's consideration and adoption of local SSAB recommendations.

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- Requirements for long-term public education and active public involvement should be included in institutional control plans for the closure site as they were at Fernald.
- Development of accessible and understandable risk communication tools is critical if contamination is left behind at the site.
- The local EM SSAB should remain active and involved until regulatory closure is complete.

Again, the Chairs congratulate all those involved in the success of the Fernald and Rocky Flats site closures.

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