



# Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

February 19, 2014

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SUBJECT: Recommendation Regarding Groundwater Open House  
(Work Plan Item #4)

Dear Ms. Snyder:

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) was asked to provide recommendations, from a community perspective, to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in regard to its Groundwater Open House (Work Plan Item #4), on ways the Open House could be enhanced in the future (i.e., format, advertising, and subject matter).

After receiving an overview at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting and attending the Groundwater Open House on December 11<sup>th</sup> in Beatty, Nevada, the NSSAB recommends that the following enhancements be considered in the planning process for future Open Houses:

- Hold Open House during hours when people are off work and not during the dinner hour
- Hold Open House on a weekend to increase attendance
- Provide refreshments and/or inexpensive giveaways to entice people to attend and include in the promotional materials
- Provide an additional poster at the entrance informing the public that if additional information is needed; do not hesitate to ask any staff at the event for assistance
- Provide additional demonstrations/props to promote written materials/posters, as the computer graphics, ant farm, core samples, radiation yardstick, etc., encouraged the public to ask questions that lead to a better understanding of the subject
- Include information on travel reimbursement for potential Members at the NSSAB display

Members of the Board in attendance at the Groundwater Open House felt that the level of technical information on the posters/displays was appropriate for the public in attendance and that the correct subject matter experts were available.

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The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity for representatives of the Board to attend and observe the Groundwater Open House and we hope that these recommendations will be beneficial as DOE moves forward in planning for future public outreach events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KATHLEEN BIENENSTEIN". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "K" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kathleen L. Bienenstein, Chair

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