



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Donna L. Hruska
Chair, Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board
232 Energy Way, M/S 505
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Dear Ms. Hruska:

Thank you for your May 20 letter regarding conference attendance for Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) members. I share your views that there is value in sending EM SSAB members to EM-related conferences.

For certain highly-attended conferences, the field offices may be limited in the number of individuals they can send, regardless of their category. The Department of Energy cannot add a separate organizational field to the conference management database for the advisory boards; however, we can consider, on a case-by-case basis, reporting EM SSAB attendance in the database under the EM-3 Headquarters organization "Other Attendee" category. This should help relieve any competition for approval between field or site Federal and contractor employees and EM SSAB members when conference attendance restrictions are in place. I believe this will address your concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-9928 or Kristen Ellis, Director, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, at (202) 586-5810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Borak".

David Borak
Designated Federal Officer
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