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SUBJECT: Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB)  
Recommendation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Baseline  
Prioritization—Work Plan Item #8

Dear Mr. Wade:

The NSSAB has completed its annual review and prioritization of the U.S.  
Department of Energy (DOE), Nevada Field Office Environmental Manage-  
ment (EM) activities for the FY 2018 budget submittal.

At the March 16 Full Board meeting, the NSSAB was provided a list of EM  
activities and was asked by DOE to prioritize them by related groupings. The  
items listed below were ranked by the Board from the highest to the lowest  
priority, as follows:

- Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Disposal Operations  
- All UGTA CAUs—Annual Sampling  
- Pahute Mesa—Flow and Transport Modeling  
- Pahute Mesa—Geological and Hydrological Analysis and Evaluation  
- Pahute Mesa—Well Development Testing & Sampling Analysis/Water Level Monitoring  
- Off-Site Soils—Two Corrective Action Units  
- Yucca Flat—Multiple Well Pump Test  
- Yucca Flat—Model Evaluation Activities  
- Rainier Mesa—External Peer Review
Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the annual budget prioritization process. The NSSAB would also like to thank the EM staff for their time to meet with the NSSAB to provide detailed information and answer questions.

We sincerely appreciate this support and look forward to your response regarding this year’s budget submittal.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Hruska, Chair

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