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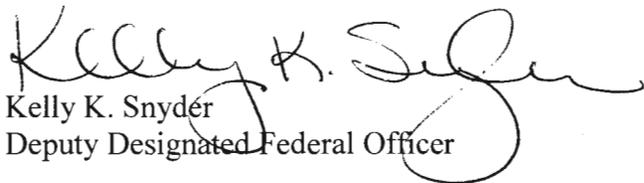
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OPPORTUNITY FOR NYE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DEM) PARTICIPATION ON THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)

As you know, the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) lies solely within Nye County and communication between Nye County and the DOE Nevada Field Office (NFO) is imperative. One mechanism the NFO uses to communicate Environmental Management activities with community members is through the NSSAB. The NSSAB is comprised of members of the public who represent Nevada stakeholders by reviewing and commenting on environmental restoration and waste management activities at the NNSS. In addition to members, liaisons provide a valuable resource on the Board by offering their affiliation's perspective and viewpoints on Environmental Management activities on the NNSS.

To further expand and enhance our communication within Nye County, the NFO would like to offer the Nye County DEM a liaison position on the NSSAB. If the Nye County DEM chooses to accept this liaison position with the Board, it would be the DEM's responsibility to determine who would fill the position. Please notify me if the DEM accepts the liaison position and who will be appointed as the liaison.

I have enclosed background information on the NSSAB and liaison responsibilities. If you would like to discuss this opportunity or have questions, please contact me at (702) 295-2836 or via e-mail at kelly.snyder@nnsa.doe.gov. Additional information about the NSSAB can be found at www.nv.energy.gov/nssab.


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NSSAB Background Information

The NSSAB is a DOE advisory board comprised of volunteers from urban and rural communities near the Nevada National Security Site. The Board is federally-chartered to review and provide feedback on radioactive waste management disposal and transportation activities, the effects of historic nuclear testing on the groundwater at the NNSS, and other environmental remediation activities.

In addition to Board members, liaison positions are in place to ensure adequate representation of governmental, tribal, and other relevant entities. Although liaisons do not have the authority to vote on NSSAB recommendations, they are a valuable Board resource. Liaisons have the opportunity to participate in Full Board and committee meetings by offering their affiliation's perspective and viewpoints on Environmental Management activities at the NNSS.

Currently, the following entities have liaison representatives on the NSSAB: State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Clark County, Nye County Commission, Esmeralda County Commission, Nye County Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office, Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations and the U.S. National Park Service. Reimbursement for Board related activities is not available to liaison members. Full Board meetings typically occur in the evenings on the third Wednesday of the month in Clark or Nye County. Committee meetings may occur in day or evening hours.

Liaison Responsibilities per the Standard Operating Procedures

The Board requests that liaisons make the following commitments:

1. To define and communicate clearly to the Board the respective decision making processes of the entities they represent;
2. To provide timely access to information pertinent to EM and associated environmental issues and related decision making;
3. To inform the Board in a timely and proactive manner of entity processes, programs, projects, and activities pertinent to the Board's mission and purpose;
4. Full Board Reports
 - a) Provide a short, verbal report on entity's EM activity at each Full Board meeting
 - b) If the liaison is unable to attend the Full Board meeting, a written report will be submitted to the NSSAB Administrator via email two days prior to the Full Board meeting