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RESPONSE TO NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (WORK PLAN ITEM #9)

The Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program appreciates the NSSAB's recommendations on ways to enhance/improve communications to the public.

Below are the Board's recommendations and the EM Nevada Program's responses:

- **NSSAB Recommendation:** DOE should conduct additional tours of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) for the public and local high school students.

EM Nevada Program Response: As the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) hosts the public tours, the EM Nevada Program will share this feedback with NNSA. The EM Nevada Program will continue to work with local high schools and organizations to provide EM-specific tours of the NNSS, upon request.

- **NSSAB Recommendation:** DOE should provide follow-up and possibly an ongoing series on the NSSAB and NNSS on KPVM-TV.

EM Nevada Program Response: This recommendation will be considered during future event planning and execution.

- **NSSAB Recommendation:** DOE should increase public involvement with the kiosk.

EM Nevada Program Response: DOE will continue to make its two kiosks accessible to the public in communities across southern Nevada. Locations the kiosks have been in since 2012 include: Central Nevada Museum in Pahrump, NV, Creech Air Force Base Cafeteria, *Public Reading Room in the Frank H. Rogers Science and Technology Building in Las Vegas, NV, *UNLV Lied Library in Las Vegas, NV, Beatty Museum, Amargosa Valley Library, Indian Springs Library, Pahrump Library, and Paseo Verde Library, Windmill Library, Sahara Library, Green Valley Library, Las Vegas Library, Aliante Library, Centennial Hills Library, Rainbow Library, Enterprise Library, West Las Vegas Library, West Charleston Library in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson, NV. *Current locations.

- **NSSAB Recommendation:** The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) student intern newsletter should be distributed to a wider audience.

EM Nevada Program Response: Since the UNLV newsletter is not a product of the EM Nevada Program, we are unable to direct where the newsletter is distributed. However, Student Intern Anthony Graham from UNLV agreed to look into dispersing his newsletter to a wider distribution for both college and high school students.

- **NSSAB Recommendation:** DOE should do an interview on KPVM-TV before NSSAB Full Board meetings in Pahrump, NV.

EM Nevada Program Response: The NSSAB Office will continue to work with setting up interviews for NSSAB leadership to conduct interviews on KPVM-TV before each NSSAB Full Board meeting held in Pahrump, NV.

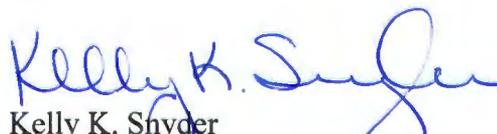
- **NSSAB Recommendation:** DOE should simplify the path to the NSSAB pages on its website.

EM Nevada Program Response: Currently, the NSSAB webpages can be accessed directly from the main NNSS webpage (hover over Public Affairs/Outreach and select Advisory Board – first item on the list). The EM Nevada Program is unable to further simplify accessing the NSSAB website.

- **NSSAB Recommendation:** DOE should include more Nevada-specific articles in the EM Updates newsletter that is published by EM Headquarters.

EM Nevada Program Response: The EM Nevada Program will continue to promote Nevada-specific articles for the EM Updates newsletter and will increase articles as resources and topics are available.

The EM Nevada Program has found these recommendations to be very valuable in communicating with the public and look forward to receiving any additional feedback on communication enhancements in the upcoming fiscal year.


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