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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY ANALYSIS (WORK PLAN ITEM #7)

Reference: Ltr Rosenbaum to Snyder, dtd 7/18/2018

I would like to personally thank the NSSAB for taking the time to provide recommendations for the Community Analysis work plan item in the above mentioned letter. I especially want to recognize the amount of effort that the Community Analysis Committee undertook by having one-on-one interactions with their communities and by designing, implementing, and analyzing results from a survey to gauge individual communities' level of interest and concern with Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program activities on the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).

In response to the community-specific recommendations, DOE plans to implement all of the recommendations at various levels. The recommendations that could be implemented immediately, such as adding the Boulder City Review to our media distribution list and adding community organizations to our stakeholder distribution list, will be completed by the end of the fiscal year. The timeline for implementing the recommendations that are time or topic specific will be implemented at the earliest, appropriate time.

See below for responses to the general outreach recommendations:

NSSAB Recommendation: Enhance educational outreach in southern Nevada and develop an EM Nevada Program educational exhibit booth with existing and new handouts that assist educators in teaching about the legacy of the NNSS and its remediation and provide free educational assistance tools. Coordinate with the Clark County School District and college departments (to include Great Basin) that teach environmental science to develop a relationship and inform about an environmental educational source. Arrange and advertise an "Educator Tour" of the NNSS and use the event as another way to educate the educators about the NNSS overall and specific to site environmental matters.

DOE Response: The EM NV Program already has an extensive education outreach program called Operation Clean Desert. The Program already implements all of the recommendations made by the NSSAB, except the "Educator Tour." During the next Southern Nevada teachers' conference, the EM NV Program participates in, a tour will be offered to educators.

NSSAB Recommendation: Prepare a one-page or three-fold handout of EM Nevada Program informational sources listed in one location—with videos, speakers, topics, websites, tour information, etc. Send it to each Southern Nevada Chamber of Commerce with a request to further provide to local civic and service organizations, churches, veterans groups, senior centers, and libraries with a suggested transmittal letter.

DOE Response: The EM NV Program already has a handout that explains what outreach services are available. The handout can be found at www.nnss.gov/docs/fact_sheets/DOENV_1048.pdf. We will send hard copies to the Southern Nevada Chamber of Commerce's as well as providing them an electronic link.

NSSAB Recommendation: Develop a virtual reality tour of the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Complex to include transportation, receipt, processing, and radioactive waste disposal, monitoring of air and groundwater, and emergency response. Make the output available to the public and educational institutions, including the National Atomic Testing Museum.

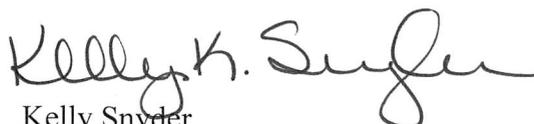
DOE Response: The EM NV Program has several existing videos that are available on our YouTube channel that highlight waste transportation, disposal, and monitoring activities. However, there is not a comprehensive video that covers all the activities recommended in a virtual reality tour. The EM NV Program agrees this would be a beneficial outreach tool and will pursue developing the video if funding and resources are available.

NSSAB Recommendation: Continue to give physically closer communities and those locations nearby radioactive waste transportation routes to the NNSS more outreach attention with communications and information.

DOE Response: Recommendation accepted.

Again, the EM Nevada Program thanks the NSSAB and the Community Analysis Committee for providing valuable recommendations for ways to enhance both targeted and general community outreach. As you know, EM Headquarters was impressed with this recommendation and charged the EM SSAB to come up with a national recommendation for each field site to report to their local boards on outreach efforts and in response provide recommendations to improve communications in individual geographic areas or with specific demographic groups.

Please contact me at (702) 295-2836 if further information on this matter is needed.



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