



# Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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March 19, 2014

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**SUBJECT:** Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB)  
Recommendation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Baseline  
Prioritization—Work Plan Item #6

Dear Mr. Wade:

The NSSAB has completed its annual review and prioritization of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Nevada Field Office Environmental Management (EM) activities for the FY 2016 budget submittal.

At the March 19 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:

1. Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Disposal Operations
2. Pahute Mesa Geologic, Hydrologic, and Flow & Transport Analysis and Evaluation
3. Pahute Mesa Aquifer Tests
4. UGTA Annual Sampling Activities
5. Soils Studies
6. Off-Site Soils—Two Corrective Action Units (CAUs) (tie)
6. NNSS Soils—Three CAUs (tie)
7. Frenchman Flat Groundwater Characterization Closure Activities
8. Yucca Flat
9. Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain (CAU 99) Closure Report

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the annual budget prioritization and for the assistance provided by the EM staff. The federal staff took the

time to meet with the NSSAB and provided detailed information. We sincerely appreciate this support and look forward to your response regarding this year's budget submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KATHLEEN BIENENSTEIN". The signature is stylized and written in all caps.

Kathleen L. Bienenstein, Chair

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