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RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION REGARDING GROUNDWATER OPEN HOUSE  
(FISCAL YEAR 2014 WORK PLAN ITEM #4)

The Nevada Field Office (NFO) greatly appreciates the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board's (NSSAB) participation in and recommendation regarding the NFO's Groundwater Open House that took place in December 2013. The NSSAB's presence at the event created an important awareness of your community involvement in the Environmental Management Program.

Below are the Board's recommendations and the NFO's responses.

**NSSAB Recommendation:** Hold Open House during hours when people are off work and not during the dinner hour

**NFO Response:** This recommendation will be considered during the planning of future events. In the past when determining the time of outreach events, we typically contact community offices to understand what other events are taking place in the area and what time residents typically prefer to attend outreach events. Historically, we have been told that events need to start no later than 5:00 p.m. Additionally, our experience has shown that outreach events are typically well attended up until 7:00 p.m.

**NSSAB Recommendation:** Hold Open Houses on a weekend to increase attendance

**NFO Response:** This recommendation will be considered during the planning of future events.

**NSSAB Recommendation:** Provide refreshments and/or inexpensive giveaways to entice people to attend and include in the promotional materials

**NFO Response:** Per Federal Appropriations Law, appropriated funds may not be used for personal gifts or refreshments unless there is specific statutory authority, or an agency can prove the expense is necessary under the Necessary Expense Doctrine. Although providing refreshments and/or inexpensive giveaways are desirable, they are not considered a necessary expense in the context of appropriations availability.

**NSSAB Recommendation:** Provide an additional poster at the entrance informing the public that if additional information is needed; do not hesitate to ask any staff at the event for assistance

**NFO Response:** This recommendation will be implemented at future events.

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**NSSAB Recommendation:** Provide additional demonstrations/props to promote written materials/posters, as the computer graphics, ant farm, core samples, radiation yardstick, etc., encouraged the public to ask questions that lead to a better understanding of the subject  
**NFO Response:** This recommendation will be implemented at future events.

**NSSAB Recommendation:** Include information on travel reimbursement for potential Members at the NSSAB display

**NFO Response:** This recommendation will be implemented at future events. Additionally, this information was included in advertising material during the recent NSSAB membership drive.

Thank you again for your participation and feedback on the Groundwater Open House. We look forward to the Board's continued participation in future outreach events. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (702) 295-2836.



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