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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 BASELINE PRIORITIZATION RECOMMENDATION – WORK PLAN ITEM #6

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Nevada Field Office, I would like to personally thank the NSSAB for discussing and evaluating the Environmental Management (EM) tasks included in the FY 2016 baseline. The NSSAB's baseline prioritization continues to be important to the Nevada Field Office as well as the entire EM program, as it is a significant component in developing our budget recommendations to DOE/EM Headquarters.

Additionally, I would like to thank the NSSAB for the dialogue during the March 19, 2014, Full Board meeting on this Work Plan item. The detailed discussion allows my staff to understand the board's perspectives and insights on the baseline prioritization, and the written comments provided by the Board will be utilized in future planning.

Again, thank you for the time the NSSAB devoted to the FY 2016 baseline prioritization process. We value the NSSAB's input and my staff will utilize the Board's feedback when making baseline decisions for the Office of Environmental Management into the future.

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