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Ms. Kelly Snyder, Deputy Designated Federal Officer  
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Liaison Participation

Dear Ms. Snyder,

In November 2018, I appointed two ad hoc committees to address liaison participation on the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB). The NSSAB values the input and perspectives of its liaisons. One of the committee’s missions was to conduct an assessment to determine whether liaisons have sufficient resources to continue participation and attendance at future NSSAB meetings.

In support of this effort, Committee Chair Richard Twiddy, Member Karen Eastman, and Vice-Chair Steve Rosenbaum interviewed liaisons currently engaged on the NSSAB. During these visits, a majority of the liaisons responded that they do have sufficient resources to continue participation and attendance at NSSAB meetings. However, liaisons in the outlying counties, such as Lincoln, Esmeralda, and White Pine, represent large geographical areas with small populations, so they do not have the resources as the larger counties or organizations.

After Board deliberation during the July 17, 2019 meeting, the NSSAB recommends that the EM Nevada Program conduct an evaluation and determine if funding could ever be provided for liaison’s travel expenses.

A special thanks for Committee Chair Twiddy and his committee for contacting liaisons and bringing this forward for the Board’s consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Bonesteel, Chair

cc: David Borak, DOE/HQ (EM-4.32)  
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