



# Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs

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RE: JULY 6, 2006 COMMENTS FROM THE UNDERGROUND TEST AREA (UTGA) TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) TO COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE NEVADA TEST SITE WELL LOCATIONS

Dear Mr. Mellington:

On behalf of the entire CAB, I am writing to express appreciation to Bill Wilborn and the TWG members for their in-depth review and consideration of the CAB's February 9, 2006 well recommendation letter. It was particularly helpful to receive detailed comments from each of the reviewers to ensure that we fully understand individual perspectives and insights into the complexities of the UGTA project.

Although the CAB employed a different approach to the well siting challenge, the comments were professional, thorough, and respectful of our approach. The real value of receiving and considering different perspectives is the opportunity it provides to broaden discussions and, in turn, more thoroughly consider an array of alternatives that may exist to address this highly complex natural groundwater system.

As a citizen advisory board, our primary concerns are the protection of human health and the environment, including public water supplies. From the support we have been provided by DOE's environmental management team, it is obvious that this is your major focus as well.

Please extend our appreciation to Bill Wilborn and the TWG for their assistance. Their feedback will aid us in future recommendations. We look forward to further collaboration as we move closer to plan UGTA well siting and drilling efforts in fiscal year 2009.

Sincerely,

David Hermann, Chairperson  
Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs

cc: Kelly Snyder  
Wilhelm Wilborn  
CAB Members

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NSO/MGR	✓
AMEM	✓
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