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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013 BUDGET PRIORITIZATION RECOMMENDATION

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Nevada Site Office, I would like to thank the NSSAB for their FY 2013 budget prioritization recommendation relating to the Environmental Management (EM) Program. Each year we consider, and when possible, incorporate the NSSAB's recommendation into our own budget prioritization that is submitted to DOE/EM Headquarters to begin the budget process for two years out.

After receiving the NSSAB's letter, dated March 17, 2011, I met with EM staff and conducted a similar ranking system. The chart below illustrates both the NSSAB's ranking and Nevada Site Office EM's ranking.

FY 2013		
Activity	NSSAB Ranking	Nevada Site Office/ EM Ranking
Underground Test Area	1	1
Low-Level Waste	2	2
Soils	3	3
Industrial Sites	4	4

As a result of your recommendation and discussions with my staff, the EM Program at the Nevada Site Office has ranked the FY 2013 activities in the same order.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the NSSAB Full Board for taking the time to evaluate the activities during a Full Board meeting. We know this is a new approach for the Board, since in the past this activity was conducted by a committee. We see the Full Board's participation as a positive change and an effective way to ensure all Board members are aware of budget activities.

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If you have questions regarding EM's ranking or the budget process, please contact Kelly K. Snyder, of my staff, at (702) 295-2836.



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