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SUBJECT: Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (CAB)  
Recommendations for Revisions to fact sheets: "*Industrial Sites...  
a Success Story*" and "*Industrial Sites...an approach to cleanup*"

Following are recommendations for revisions to the fact sheets mentioned in the subject of this letter. The CAB suggests the same general revisions and additions for all fact sheets and brochures:

1. Define unfamiliar terms and acronyms before they are used in a sentence.
2. Bold the definitions so that they are easily referenced.
3. When doing several definitions together, bullet the definitions, rather than listing them in the sentence.
4. Include a key and/or glossary on each fact sheet for unfamiliar terms and acronyms.
5. Reference on each fact sheet that other fact sheets are available.
6. In general, increase font point size for easier reading.
7. Try to keep fact sheets at an eighth grade reading level.
8. Update all references to off-site locations to comply with current transition status.
9. Distribute fact sheets to libraries, city halls, Nuclear Testing Archive, Legislator offices, environmental groups, UNLV, and senior centers.

Specific suggestions for the above-mentioned fact sheets are:

### **Industrial Sites...an approach to cleanup**

The committee recommends combining the two fact sheets into one, and the title will be: *Industrial Sites...an approach to cleanup*. The revisions are taken from the fold-over fact sheet, entitled: *Industrial Sites...a Success Story*. Changes to the fact sheet will be as follows:

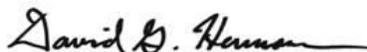
- In the first section, the title will read: "*Background.*" The words "History and" will be removed, to be consistent with all fact sheets.
- In the third sentence of the first paragraph in the *Background* section, the acronym (NTS) should appear in parentheses after the words *Nevada Test Site*; the word "also" should be changed to "*previously*;" and the words, "*eight off-site locations around the country*" will be removed.
- In the first sentence of paragraph two, the words "*Nevada Test Site*" will be replaced with the acronym "NTS."
- The third paragraph includes the number of sites that have been identified and the number of sites that have been closed. These numbers will be updated to reflect the most current information.

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- In the next section, “Approach to Cleanup,” each sub-section should be bulleted and bold, to read as:
  - Housekeeping
  - Complex Closure
  - Streamlined Approach for Environmental Restoration (SAFER)
- Also, in the last sentence of the last paragraph in this section, the words “deactivation” and “decommissioning” should begin with a lower-case “d.”
- Additionally, on page two in the blue box entitled “FFACO,” a sentence should be added after the first sentence, to read:
  - *This agreement governs the remediation activities on the NTS.*
- In the section entitled “What is Deactivation and Decommissioning?” – this title can be removed, and the entire paragraph underneath the title can be moved up to be the first paragraph under the section entitled “Deactivation and Decommissioning.”
- In what will now be the third paragraph in this section, beginning with the words: “While contaminated soil...,” – the word “Jr.” in the third sentence should be changed to read: “Junior.”
- The fourth sentence in this paragraph should be changed, to read:
  - *To date, three facilities, R-MAD, Junior Hot Cell, and EPA Farm have been deactivated and decommissioned.*
- In the second paragraph under the next section entitled “Better, Cheaper, Faster,” in the second sentence of the second paragraph, take out the words “at the Nevada Test Site.”
- The last two sentences in the second paragraph should be combined and revised, which will read:
  - *Using this innovative approach, the mixed low-level waste disposal site is now closed, with a resultant multi-million dollar savings to taxpayers.*
- On the last page, the entire section that begins with the sentence, “Technology is not the only way...,” and ends with four bullets (not to include “Path Forward), should be bordered and used as an example of ways Industrial Sites technology saves money. Also, within this section, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, the word “and” should be changed to “to.”
- Also on the last page in the section entitled “Path Forward,” the date “2008” needs to be updated to “2012.”
- A definition box should be added to this fact sheet that explains unfamiliar terms.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on changes, revisions, and updates of the fact sheets, and will continue working to help improve Environmental Management’s efforts to communicate with the public.

Sincerely,



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