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RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) FOR NEVADA TEST SITE PROGRAMS FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET PRIORITIZATION

Thank you for the many hours you spent studying and evaluating the Environmental Management (EM) projects for the FY 2008 budget prioritization. The CAB's prioritization is very important to me as well as the entire EM staff. We realize your effort took countless hours, but it is a valuable component in the development our recommendation to Headquarters.

After receiving the CAB's letter, dated April 12, 2006, I met with EM staff to conduct a similar ranking system. As you can see in the chart below we both ranked the Underground Test Area sub-project as our number one priority.

Sub-Projects	CAB Ranking	NNSA/NSO Ranking
Underground Test Area	1	1
Industrial Sites	2	3
Soils	3	5
Mixed Low-Level Waste	4	2
Low-Level Waste	4	4

Since the remaining sub-projects are ranked differently I would like to explain our rationale. We have elected to rank the Mixed Low-Level Waste Subproject as our second priority to ensure that we support waste generators throughout the Department of Energy complex as they work toward their accelerated cleanup goals. The Soils sub-project was ranked as our fifth priority due to the ongoing negotiations with the United States Air Force.

Again, thank you for the time and effort the CAB devoted to the FY 2008 budget prioritization process. I value the CAB's prioritization and look forward to continuing this annual task.

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Lockwood	<i>KL</i>
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AMEM	
Mullington	<i>EM</i>
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