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RESPONSE TO NEVADA ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT (EM) POSTER CONTEST RECOMMENDATION

In regard to the Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs (CAB) letter dated September 24, 2008, I have reviewed the recommendations regarding providing teachers a listing of Nevada Academic Standards that will be met when promoting the *Operation Clean Desert* materials and creating and administering a poster contest.

I have tasked my Public Involvement team to begin exploring how the Nevada Academic Standards can be incorporated into the Operation Clean Desert Display. Currently, the Public Involvement team is working closely with CHOLLA (Clasping Hands Offering Lifelong Learning Adventures) which is a group comprised of area organizations and businesses promoting field trips and other learning opportunities to the Clark County School District. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office EM Program is also teaming with a Southern Nevada teacher to develop lesson plans for 4th – 7th grades that will include Nevada Academic Standards. Once completed, these lesson plans will be distributed in conjunction with existing Operation Clean Desert material.

The EM Program will explore the possibility of creating a poster contest for Southern Nevada Schools. To ensure this is a feasible and appropriate activity, the Public Involvement team will discuss this activity with school teachers. EM will use this feedback to determine if a poster contest would be supported in the school system. I will continue to update the Outreach Committee regarding the status of the poster contest.

I would like to thank the CAB; and specifically the Outreach Committee, for taking the time to discuss EM's educational outreach program. If you have questions or concerns please contact me at (702) 295-2836.


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