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Groundwater Well Drilling and Soil Remediation to be Discussed at the Community Advisory Board Public Meeting

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Nevada Site Office Environmental Management Program staff will be detailing the progress made on the Underground Test Area (UGTA) and Soils Sub-Projects during the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Nevada Test Site Programs Full Board public meeting at 5 p.m. on July 8, 2009 at 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Nevada Site Office kicked off a Pahute Mesa drilling campaign in June by drilling a groundwater characterization well at a location that was recommended by the CAB. “The data that we collect from this and future wells will provide valuable information in fine tuning our existing computer models,” explained Bill Wilborn, the DOE Underground Test Area Federal Sub-Project Director responsible for the drilling campaign and groundwater strategy. The existing computer models are used to predict the location of groundwater contamination.

In June, a milestone was made when the State of Nevada approved DOE’s completion of a historic atmospheric testing location’s remediation. The Soils Sub-Project now intends to initiate investigation plans for two additional historic sites. “Funding recently received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allows for the acceleration of the Soils Sub-Project site investigations,” according to Kevin Cabble, DOE Acting Soils Federal Sub-Project Director.

The CAB is a federally-chartered DOE advisory board made up of Southern Nevada residents. CAB members meet bi-monthly to study and discuss environmental activities that take place at the Nevada Test Site and provide recommendations to the DOE Nevada Site Office Environmental Management Program.

All CAB meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to actively participate. For additional information on CAB meetings or activities, visit the CAB website at www.ntscab.com or call (702) 657-9088.

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