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Community Advisory Board for Nevada Test Site Programs to Present Well Recommendations to Rural Southern Nevada

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Nevada Test Site programs is hosting a meeting in Amargosa Valley, Nevada on November 6, 2007 at 6 p.m. to present their groundwater well location recommendations to the communities that are located down-gradient of the Nevada Test Site.

This meeting comes as a result of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) offer to the CAB to recommend a location for the federal government to drill a future characterization well. This well placement could assist the DOE in determining where groundwater contamination, resulting from historic underground nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site, is located. To date, no radioactive groundwater contamination resulting from historic nuclear testing has been detected off of the Nevada Test Site.

During the meeting, which will be held at the Amargosa Valley Community Center located at 821 Amargosa Farm Road, CAB members will explain how their five years of research resulted in the recommendation of multiple groundwater wells and what role the CAB will play in future discussions with the U.S. Department of Energy. In conjunction with the presentation, copies of their report, *Recommendation for Proposed Well Locations in the Pahute Mesa Area at the Nevada Test Site*, will be available.

"The CAB's membership is partially comprised of rural community members and it is very important to the Board that a strong effort be put forth to host informational meetings and discussions in rural areas," said David Hermann, the chairperson of the CAB.

The CAB is comprised of volunteers from Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Pahrump and Las Vegas, Nevada who provide the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office's Environmental Management Program with informed recommendations on environmental activities at the Nevada Test Site. The CAB sponsors bi-monthly public meetings and is chartered under the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board.

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.

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