

# *Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board*

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## *EM SSABs Common Values*

### ***WHO WE ARE***

The Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) are composed of interested and affected stakeholders who are concerned about environmental cleanup, stabilization, disposition of radioactive and hazardous materials and waste, and long-term stewardship at the Department of Energy's (DOE) nuclear weapons and research facilities. The SSABs are chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to provide independent technical and policy advice.

- @ We are committed to informed and meaningful public, Tribal and stakeholder involvement in the decision-making process and policy development related to cleanup, environmental restoration, material stabilization and stewardship of DOE sites.
- @ We believe public and worker safety and health, the protection and remediation of the affected environment, and compliance with all legal requirements should drive cleanup and stabilization decisions and policy.

### ***WHAT WE DO***

We provide an opportunity for open, informed, and inclusive discussion about proposed actions and decisions with DOE, EPA, state regulators, Tribes, local governments, stakeholders, and the general public. Our goal is to provide timely, informed technical and policy advice and recommendations to DOE, EPA, State regulatory agencies, or other entities, on issues relating to cleanup, environmental restoration, closure, stewardship, nuclear material disposition, hazardous and nuclear waste management decisions, and other associated matters.

### ***WHAT WE EXPECT***

We expect DOE and state and federal regulators will support and encourage effective public involvement in cleanup, environmental restoration, closure, stewardship, future use, nuclear material disposition, and hazardous and nuclear waste management decisions. DOE will seek and consider advice from the public and Tribes and provide opportunities for their involvement; locally and regionally, when the decision affects one site, and nationally, when the decision affects more than one site.

We expect DOE to ensure candid disclosure of timely, understandable, and relevant information to enable the SSABs to make informed recommendations and advice. We expect DOE and the regulators will continue to value the importance and benefit of continued public involvement, will respond substantively and promptly, and will give utmost consideration to environmental justice in their decision making. We expect DOE will honor Tribal treaties and conduct government to government consultation.

We expect DOE will request funding adequate to meet or exceed legal requirements, reduce current and future risks, and in accord with values and needs of local communities. We expect that DOE will protect the public, workers and the environment.

We also expect:

- Decisions to be protective of human health and the environment and based upon:
  - < a full assessment of human health and environmental risks;
  - < a full evaluation of all life cycle costs;
  - < at a minimum, full compliance with all legal requirements;
  - < scientific and technical considerations;
  - < community desires; and
  - < cultural values.
- Cleanup/environmental restoration/closure/stewardship and nuclear materials management decisions to ensure the health and safety of present and future generations and protection of the natural environment.
- The Federal government commit to providing adequate funding for the proper cleanup and long term stewardship of DOE nuclear weapons production and research facilities.
- Complex-wide coordination and the full integration of all sites in planning nuclear materials stabilization, cleanup, environmental restoration, waste management (storage, treatment, and disposition), and transportation activities.

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