

EM SSAB Funding

Background

The Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), comprises 200+ individuals from eight regional Advisory Boards from Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington. These Advisory Boards cumulatively represent a stakeholder population of millions of people affected by waste generator sites, transportation routes, and waste disposal areas.

EM SSAB members commit their time and resources as volunteers to help further the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management (DOE EM) cleanup goals. Resources are required to ensure the ability of the individual boards to meet the expectations of the DOE, local stakeholders and the public.

Recommendation

The EMSSAB recommends:

- Funding for each of the member boards that comprise the EM SSAB needs to be at an adequate level to fulfill obligations and commitments in order to --
 - o Provide informed recommendations on DOE EM cleanup
 - o Provide the diverse public with meaningful opportunities to influence cleanup decisions through an open and transparent process