



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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**RE: Locating Orphaned/Abandoned Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) within the State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection**

Dear Community Leader

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is pleased to announce a program to research and locate orphaned and/or abandoned gasoline and diesel underground storage tanks (USTs) within the State of Nevada. The program is part of the *Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Assistance Award, Funded under the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009*. Broadbent & Associates, Inc. (BAI) has been contracted by the State of Nevada to implement this program.

The objective of this program is two-fold: 1) to review available resources and interview local residents in an effort to locate and build an inventory of orphaned and/or abandoned USTs within the State of Nevada that were never properly assessed and/or closed at the time they were taken out of use; and 2) prioritize and identify any sites that may represent an immediate environmental concern and determine any necessary assessment activities that should be conducted with the limited remaining funds. The detailed implementation Work Plan is posted on the NDEP website at the following link for your review: <http://ndep.nv.gov/recovery/index.html>

NDEP understands that timely communication with local community leaders is essential to minimize confusion and to continue to build trust and confidence with your communities. Time constraints regarding expenditure of this ARRA money prevent us from meeting with you in person at this time. However, representatives from NDEP and/or BAI will be contacting your office regarding program implementation and would be happy to attend future community meetings or meet with you at a later time to discuss any concerns you may have with this project.

Approximately 20 jobs will be created statewide to complete this project and at least 15 people will be recruited and hired from the local communities throughout Nevada. Also, if construction work is needed, all efforts will be made to hire local contractors.

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NDEP or BAI will be contacting you by telephone in the near future to discuss any comments or concerns you may have. Should you have immediate questions or require additional information at this time, please feel free to contact me at (775) 687-9376 or Mr. David Howard with BAI at (775) 322-7969.

Sincerely,

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