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# **EM Site-Specific Advisory Board: Celebrating 20 Years of Community Involvement**

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# What is the EM SSAB?

- Chartered under FACA to provide input regarding the cleanup of Cold War legacy sites in the U.S.
- Comprised of as many as 11 local boards at one time.
- Eight active local boards, in close proximity to a major DOE cleanup site.
- Members contribute diverse views to provide advice concerning environmental, restoration, waste management, technology development, and budget priorities.

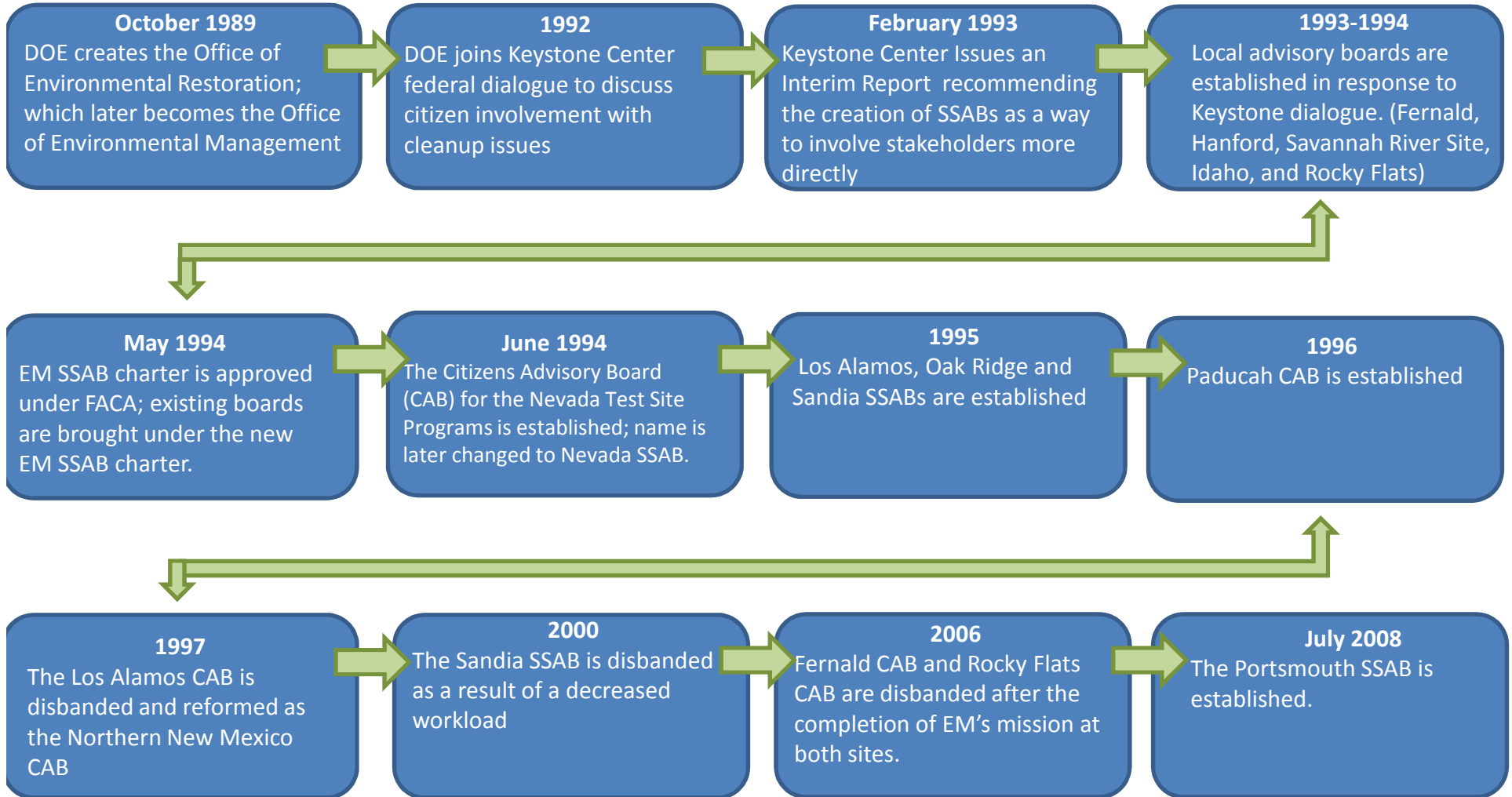


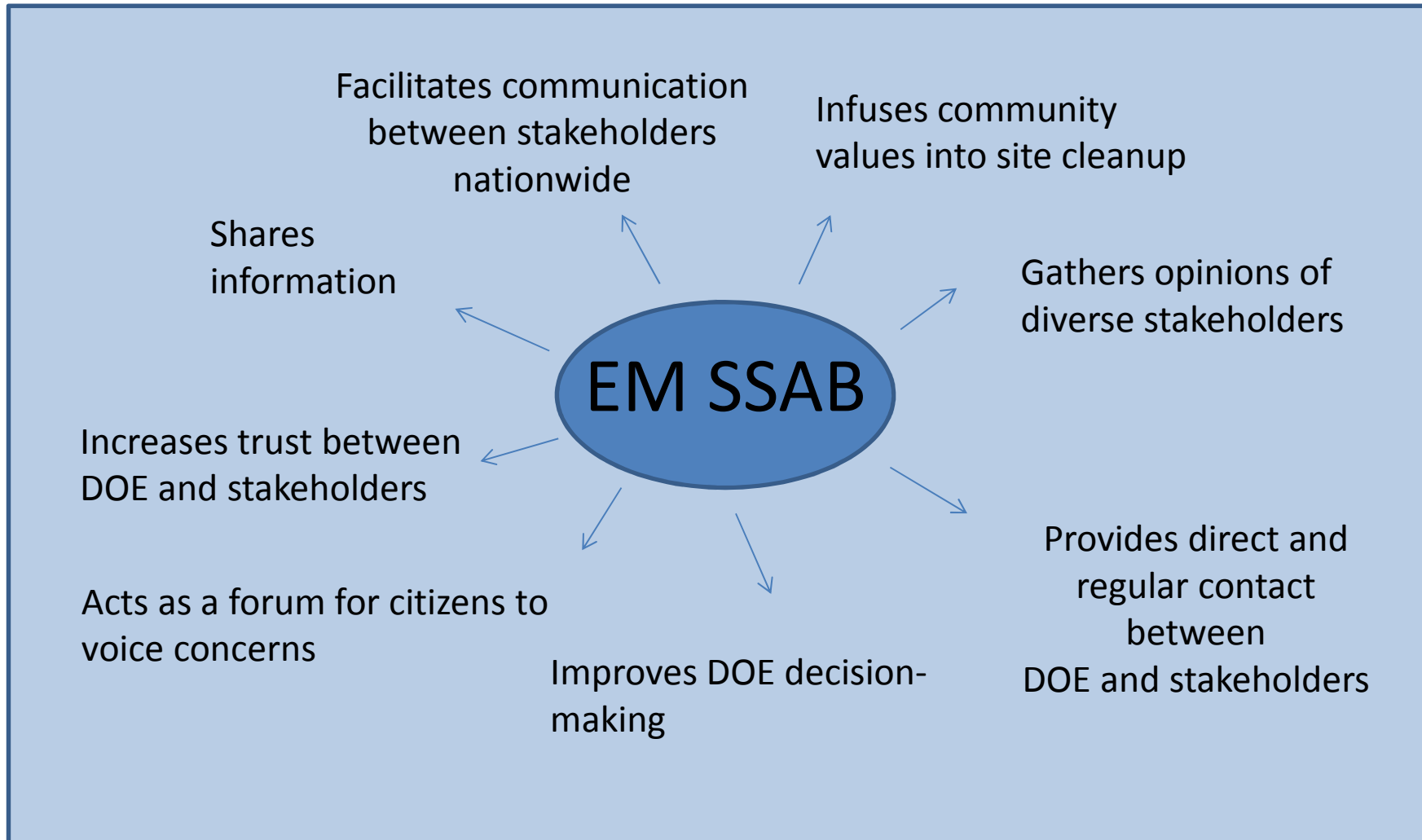
# Federal Advisory Committee Act

- There are ~45,000 members of ~900 federal advisory committees
- Goals to enhance public accountability and establish management controls to reduce wasteful expenditures.
- Principles:
  - Balanced Membership
  - Independent Advice
  - Openness
  - Public Records









- Originally known as the Fernald Citizens Task Force.
- Found creative and interactive ways to educate members using *FutureSite*.
- Developed a “balanced approach” to site cleanup.
- Received 1999 Outstanding Organization of the Year Award from the International Association of Public Participation.
- Recognized for the “The Future of Fernald” workshops and contributions to establishing the Fernald Preserve.



- Board produced a total of 117 consensus recommendations.
- Diversity of members allowed recommendations to have a greater impact.
- Recommendations: community values that should be incorporated into the cleanup agreement, an independent entity to review soil cleanup levels, ideas for the *DOE Ten Year Plan*, and long-term stewardship plans.
- EM completed its work at the site in 2006.
- A portion of the site is now operated as a national wildlife refuged by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge System.





- Established in May 1995
- Approved recommendations on Air Force base land use.
- Collaborated on recommendation on strategy to create an on-site storage, treatment and permanent containment facility for Environmental Restoration - generated wastes.
- DOE ceased board funding at the end of FY 2000 due to a decreased workload that was reflective of the transition to complete the Sandia Environmental Restoration Project.
- The Board advised DOE on a public participation approach that would work in the stewardship years.
- Public participation transitioned from SSAB to a Long-Term Stewardship Community Working Group.

