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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE (NNSS)
INTEGRATED GROUNDWATER SAMPLING PLAN (WORK PLAN ITEM #8)**

I would like to thank the NSSAB for supporting the concept of integrating groundwater sampling data into one plan for the NNSS and providing specific recommendations on three key parameters of the NNSS Integrated Groundwater Sampling Plan.

Thanks to your recommendations, the NNSS Integrated Groundwater Sampling Plan is going forward for review with a slightly modified approach than what was presented at the meeting to address your concern about eliminating wells and reclassifying them as inactive. The Distal and Point of Use wells that the Department of Energy (DOE) proposed to discontinue sampling over time may be considered to be sampled under a community service-based plan independent of the NNSS Integrated Groundwater Sampling Plan. The content and details of this independent plan will be worked out as a part of the Community Environmental Monitoring Program workshop being held in July in which two of your members will be participating. As for the other parameters that DOE was seeking your assistance, with your support acknowledged in your recommendation letter dated May 15, 2013, DOE is going forward with the analysis of radionuclides, frequency of sampling, and levels of detection as proposed.

As always, the NSSAB's input is valued and your efforts are greatly appreciated. Please direct comments and questions to Kelly Snyder at (702) 295-2836.

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