



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Ways to Increase/Enhance Communication
Regarding Waste Transportation and Disposal (Work Plan Item #9)

Dear Mr. Boehlecke,

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) was asked to provide a recommendation, from a community perspective, to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on ways to increase/enhance communication to communities near the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) regarding waste transportation and disposal.

In support of this work plan item, the Vice Chair and I participated in a site tour of the DOE waste facility at Hanford, Washington, in April 2014, and the commercial waste facility, Waste Control Specialists in Andrews, Texas, in May 2014. After an update of these tours and Board deliberation at the NSSAB's May 21st Full Board Meeting and further Board discussion at its July 16th Full Board meeting, the NSSAB recommends that the DOE expand communications with Nye County officials in regard to DOE shipping campaigns that might draw community interest prior to them being transported through their communities to the NNSS. This will assist them in providing more timely and accurate information to their constituents and the media and increase public awareness and confidence.

The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity to tour the waste facilities at Waste Control Specialists and Hanford Site and to provide this recommendation to the DOE.

Sincerely,

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