



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Recommendation Regarding External Peer Review for Yucca Flat
(Work Plan Item #2)

Dear Mr. Wilborn:

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) regarding what types of representation should be on the external peer review panel for Yucca Flat and how the questions could be enhanced.

In regard to what types of representation should be on the external peer review panel for Yucca Flat, the NSSAB supports inclusion of a technical stakeholder from Nye County. Additionally, the NSSAB recommends that an intermediary, who has site clearance, between the State of Nevada and the DOE be included on the panel. The NSSAB confirmed that it would be beneficial to include members with not only academic, but also applied experience.

After review of the proposed questions developed for the external peer review by the Nevada Field Office, the NSSAB recommends that an enhancement would be to include a question in regard to integration of the models and whether these integrated models confirm the conclusions of the individual models.

The NSSAB appreciates the time provided in briefing the subject and answering questions. We hope these recommendations will be beneficial as DOE moves forward in planning for the external peer review for Yucca Flat.

Sincerely,

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