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RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM (RWAP) ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (WORK PLAN ITEM #7)

Reference: Ltr Hruska to Boehlecke, dtd 05/18/2016

The Nevada Field Office (NFO), Office of Assistant Manager for Environmental Management (O/AMEM) received and reviewed the referenced letter. The O/AMEM replies are as follows:

*Continue funding and support of the surveillance and auditing process and programs. It is important to have a pipeline of experienced auditors who can continue this process without interruption; it was great to see an auditor-in-training on the surveillance team.*

The NFO agrees that it is very important to continue to fund and support the RWAP surveillance and audit program. We will continue to have a group of experienced auditors to ensure the program continues without interruption. We have multiple auditors for each of the four modules of our assessment program.

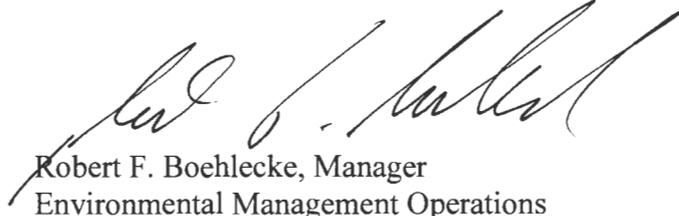
*Include NNSAB members to observe/participate in future surveillances and audits of NNSG generators. The observation of the surveillance by NNSAB members is a great learning experience.*

The NFO agrees that the observation of RWAP surveillances is a great opportunity for NNSAB members to learn and enhance their knowledge of the RWAP program. It is also an excellent opportunity for NNSAB to share their perspective with DOE and for DOE to be able to learn and improve based on NNSAB input. Therefore, we encourage future participation, and NNSAB should consider including a work plan item in fiscal year 2017 and/or future years.

We are proud of the attention to detail of our auditors and encourage others to observe our process.

The NFO appreciates the support of the NNSAB in this work plan item and the efforts made by the Board to provide recommendations. As always, the NNSAB's input is valued and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Snyder (702) 295-2836.



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