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RESPONSE TO AUGUST 14, 2019 NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD
(NSSAB) RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
ACT (NEPA) ACTIONS

Thank you for taking the time to discuss NEPA related actions and providing the Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program recommendations on how improvements could be made in order to enhance the NSSAB's ability to providing comments to open NEPA actions. The NSSAB recommended the following:

NSSAB Recommendation: Notify the NSSAB on any NEPA actions that may have a potential impact to the NNSS. This should include both Nevada-derived actions and actions at other DOE locations.

NSSAB Recommendation: Provide a briefing explaining the NEPA actions during a NSSAB Full Board meeting prior to the public comment period closing. For NEPA actions that do not have a public comment period, a presentation should be provided in a timely manner for informational purposes.

Many NEPA actions that potentially could impact the NNSS originate outside the EM Nevada Program and may be outside the purview of the Department's Office of EM. Therefore, EM Nevada cannot commit to providing briefings on all NEPA actions that may impact the NNSS. However, EM Nevada remains committed to communicating EM Nevada Program originated NEPA actions that are available for public comment to the NSSAB in a timely manner which will allow the NSSAB time to discuss and comment on those actions. During times where the NSSAB meeting schedule does not allow the Board to comment during the public comment period, the NSSAB can still provide comments to EM Nevada through the standard recommendation process. The recommendation/comment will be addressed outside of the NEPA process and will receive a response like all NSSAB recommendations.

Most importantly, EM Nevada commits to sharing your recommendation with EM Headquarters to ensure personnel are aware of the Board's recommendation and can take it into consideration for other EM-related NEPA actions that originate at non-EM Nevada locations.

Please contact Kelly Snyder at (702) 295-2836 if further information on this matter is needed.



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