



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Low-Level Waste (LLW) Visual
Verification (Work Plan Item #5)

Dear Mr. Cabble,

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) for how the Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program's (RWAP) visual verifications could be enhanced.

In support of this work plan item, NSSAB members, Anthony Graham and Steve Rosenbaum, observed a LLW visual verification at a Nevada National Security Site generator in July 2019. In August 2019, NSSAB members, Frank Bonesteel and Steve Rosenbaum, observed a LLW visual verification at a Los Alamos National Laboratory generator.

After NSSAB member reports and Board deliberation, the NSSAB provides the following recommendation for RWAP's LLW visual verifications:

- RWAP should continue performing visual verifications to ensure engineering and physical work is done properly at the generator site.

Additionally, the NSSAB suggests the following best management practice be considered at all sites:

- Use modern equipment to assist with sealing waste containers.

The NSSAB thanks Jhon Carilli, EM Nevada Program's LLW Activity Lead, and the RWAP Team for assisting and answering questions during the NSSAB's observations of the LLW visual verifications.

Sincerely,

Frank Bonesteel, Chair

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