



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

January 23, 2023

DDFO Robert Boehlecke
U.S. Department of Energy
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100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1750
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Groundwater Open House (Work Plan Item #1)

Dear DDFO 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 that the communication to the public on groundwater topics on the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) could be improved or enhanced.

In support of the scope of this work plan item, John Myers, DOE's Underground Test Area Activity Lead, provided a briefing and answered questions during the September 28, 2022 NSSAB Full Board Meeting. Mr. Myers briefed on the objectives, advertising, format, and subject matter planned for the next Groundwater Open House. Many NSSAB members attended and observed the event that was held on October 2, 2022 in Amargosa Valley, NV.

During the January 18, 2023 NSSAB Full Board Meeting, Mr. Myers was available to answer any additional questions that would assist the Board in formulating recommendations for this work plan item. After further Board discussion, the NSSAB provides the following recommendations on how to improve or enhance communication to the public on NNSS groundwater topics during future Groundwater Open House events:

- Provide career information/opportunities
- Offer additional interactive eye-catching visuals
- Add a video to offer information up front at the location and/or online, such as the groundwater cycle "ant farm" video
- Schedule in conjunction with another community event
- Provide a QR sign-in for feedback, such as attendance, and to link to online resources
- Use Instagram as a form of communication and marketing
- Change name from Open House to a catchier title
- Expand operating hours
- Schedule a future Open House in relation to release of well data
- Put informational content online with the ability to submit questions
- Provide additional directional signs to guide through the displays
- Provide flyers with a QR code

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Special thanks to John Myers for his briefing and answering our questions in support of this work plan item. The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity to attend and Groundwater Open House and offer these recommendations to the EM Nevada Program in response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Graham".

Anthony Graham, Chair

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