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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) Assessment Improvement Opportunities (Work Plan Item #6)  

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) on ways to improve the RWAP assessment process.

In support of this work plan, NSSAB Chair Steve Rosenbaum and Vice-Chair Frank Bonesteel observed an audit of the generator for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in April 2018.

Chair Rosenbaum and Vice-Chair Bonesteel provided an update of their three days of observations to the Board during the May 16th Full Board meeting.

Based on Chair Rosenbaum and Vice-Chair Bonesteel’s updates and further Board discussion during the meeting, the NSSAB recommends that prior to conducting interviews during RWAP audits, DOE preschedule the interviews to ensure that interviewees are available in the correct place, at the correct time, and with the correct level of expertise required to answer questions posed.

The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity to observe this audit and to provide this recommendation and extends a special thanks to you, the Navarro RWAP Team, and Paducah personnel who helped the NSSAB participate in the audit.

Sincerely,

Steven Rosenbaum, Chair

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