



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB)

Full Board Meeting Molasky Corporate Center Las Vegas, Nevada

4:00 p.m. – February 18, 2026

- Members Present:** Joycelyn Austin-Mabe, Robert Blackstock, Lisa Blandi, John Cole, Gary Elgort, Thomas Fisher, Pamela Handor, Mark Hilton (Chair), Anntoinette Rivera, Brandon Schmidt, Kevin Trainor, Eddie Williams (Vice-Chair)
- Members Absent:** Erik Anderson, Tammi Odegard, Lori Olson-Arzaga
- Liaisons Present:** Richard Arnold (Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations [CGTO]), Andrew Bennett (Clark County), Kelsey Bynum (U.S. National Park Service), Scott Lewis, Frank Bonesteel and Patrick Lazenby (Nye County Emergency Management [NCEM]), Meghan Lyle (State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection [NDEP]), John Klenke (Nye County Natural Resources and Federal Facilities Office [NRFFO]), Fred Perez, Esmeralda County Commission
- Liaisons Absent:** Bruce Jabbour (Nye County Commission), Janine Woodworth (Lincoln County Commission)
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE):** **Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program:** Robert Boehlecke (Deputy Designated Federal Officer [DDFO]), Tiffany Gamero, Catherine Hampton, John Myers, Jackie Petrello, Andrew Weber
National Nuclear Security Administration/Nevada Field Office (NNSA/NFO): John Daniels, Paul Hogue
- Government Contractors:** **Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc. (Navarro):** Jeff Jarry, Kevin Knapp, Dona Murphy, Glenn Puit, Barbara Ulmer
Desert Research Institute (DRI): Beverly Parker, Chuck Russell
- Members of Public and Media:** Ryan Flood, City of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue; Donivan Porterfield; Brian Scroggins, Administrator of the Division of Planning, State of Nevada, Office of the Governor Agency for Nuclear Projects; Kelsey Shank, theEdge, LLC

Open Meeting/Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Mark Hilton welcomed and thanked the members, liaisons, and staff for attending the meeting. He noted that all play a critical role in the activities of the NSSAB. Member Lisa Blandi moved to approve the draft agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Liaison Updates

Since there have been new liaisons that joined the NSSAB, a refresher was provided on the roles and responsibilities of the liaisons as it relates to the EM Nevada Program and the NSSAB.

Clark County (*Andrew Bennett*)

Liaison Andrew Bennett, Director of the Offices of Traffic Safety and Nuclear Waste, noted that he attended the Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum (LLWSF) last week. His office tracks transportation projects throughout Clark County. He noted that road construction with the most impact currently in the county is a State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) project for a divided highway between Mercury and Beatty, NV. Liaison Bennett concluded that transportation is a primary focus and he welcomed any individual conversations about the topic.

CGTO (*Richard Arnold*)

Liaison Richard Arnold shared updates related to the Tribes. He serves on the Tribal Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee (TRMTC), comprised of 17 Tribes throughout the country, that have an affiliation interest in the transportation of radioactive materials throughout the United States. TRMTC held its semiannual meeting in New Mexico during which attendees shared different thoughts and ideas. Attendees received a briefing from DOE's Office of Packaging and Transportation and updates on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant located in Carlsbad, NM. State and regional groups throughout the country and the Department provided updates on transportation. The Assistant Secretary of Tribal Government Affairs and representatives from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) provided thoughts on other types of shipments. These topics are important to the Tribes to work in tandem with these activities, build capacity for the Tribes, and expand a relationship with the FRA. A tour of Los Alamos National Laboratory was conducted to provide an understanding of local EM activities.

Liaison Arnold noted that the State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) participated in a combined intergovernmental town hall meeting with the Assistant Secretary for EM, Tim Walsh, who shared his thoughts, ideas, goals, and forecasts for the future to wrap up the EM cleanup mission by 2040 and how relationships could be enhanced throughout the DOE Complex by working with sites, Tribes, and Headquarters to ensure good collaborative approaches. STGWG held an intergovernmental meeting prior to meeting with the Assistant Secretary to discuss forecasts for the future and any impacts for Nevada.

Liaison Arnold continued that TRMTC held a quarterly meeting to review contracts and review activities to evaluate accomplishments. The committee is looking at approaches to enhance Tribal involvement and transportation. The group is looking at the Transportation Emergency

Preparedness Program (TEPP), Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation (MERRT), and Counterterrorism Occupational Support trainings for Tribal members at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).

The Tribal Planning Committee (TPC) meeting was held with representatives from Owens Valley, Western Shoshone, and Southern Paiutes. Attendees received briefings from NNSA/NFO and the EM Nevada Program on activities of interest and importance to the Tribes. Liaison Arnold attended the LLWSF last week and will be attending another TPC meeting with DOE tomorrow.

Liaison Arnold concluded that he will be attending the Waste Management Symposia (WMS) in Phoenix, AZ in March 2026 and participating in a Tribal Update Meeting scheduled in April 2026.

Esmeralda County Commission (*Fred Perez*)

Liaison Fred Perez noted that this is his second NSSAB meeting that he has attended and that he is working on his second meeting as a commissioner. Esmeralda County has a new development agreement and a special use permit for developers to use in planning. The county has also updated its master plan and land use agreement and is working on a water plan with DRI. He is looking toward building a foundation and funding for these projects, including emergency services. Liaison Perez continued that the county has been working on combining four separate fire stations into one fire district for the past two years. He attended the Nevada Water Resources Association Annual Conference this month and visited the Atomic Museum afterward. He encouraged those who have not been to the museum that it is well worth the time.

NCEM (*Scott, Lewis, Patrick Lazenby, Frank Bonesteel*)

Liaison Scott Lewis reported NCEM hosted its Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at the beginning of this month. NCEM representatives attended the LLWSF meeting last week. An F500 trailer is due to arrive this spring that will increase NCEM's capacity to battle special fires, such as lithium-ion fires. To deconflict with DOE shipments, Liaison Lewis concluded that he informed the EM Nevada Program of several oversized loads scheduled to pass through Pahrump, NV on State Route 160 over the next few weeks.

NRFFO (*John Klenke*)

Liaison John Klenke provided an update on the Tritium Sampling and Monitoring Program (TSAMP) that has been funded by DOE since 2015 and expires in August 2026. Samples are sent to an independent laboratory to be tested to level of 330 picocuries per liter, that is two percent of the Safe Water Drinking Act, and there has been no measurable tritium detected in any of the samples. NRFFO has been in discussions with DOE and a no-cost extension of TSAMP is being put into place. He reported that the 2025 campaign went well and he will be releasing the results to DOE and affiliated parties by the end of next month. Liaison Klenke concluded that he will be retiring in the second half of 2026 or beginning of 2027.

NDEP (*Meghan Lyle*)

Liaison Meghan Lyle, Bureau of Federal Facilities Chief, reported that her office observed various post-closure inspections of Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFACO) sites at the end of 2025. She has been involved with document reviews and had the opportunity to accompany the Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) team on several generator audits of the radioactive waste planned for disposal at the NNSS. Liaison Lyle noted that she will be providing an in-depth session on the roles and responsibilities of her office as it relates to the EM Nevada Program later in the meeting.

NPS (*Kelsey Bynum*)

Liaison Kelsey Bynum updated that Death Valley National Park has had high visitation volume due to the recent Dark Sky Festival, historic water in Lake Manly, and the imminent super bloom.

NNSA/NFO Update (*John Daniels and Paul Hogue, NNSA/NFO*)

Mr. John Daniels, NNSA/NFO Federal Public Affairs Officer, and Paul Hogue, NNSA/NFO Deputy Assistant Manager for Environmental Safety and Health, had nothing new to report.

U.S. DOE Update (*Robert Boehlecke, DOE*)

DDFO Robert Boehlecke provided updates on the following topics:

- **Resuming NSSAB Meetings After Government Shutdown:** DDFO Boehlecke welcomed back the members and liaisons and the Program is ready to resume the Board's business.
- **Underground Test Area (UGTA):** Drilling on the Pahute Mesa was completed late last summer. This accomplishment was featured in the EM Update in December 2025 and is available [here](#). UGTA is preparing for well development and testing of these new wells later in calendar year 2026. The team is also now working on routine sampling on longstanding wells near Frenchman Flat while simultaneously moving towards model evaluation and, over the long-term, pursuing closure of the Pahute Mesa corrective action unit.
- **RWAP:** The drive-through portal scanner used to screen incoming waste at the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) is operational. The scanner allows for the screening of full loads of truck packages that were not previously subject to screening. The EM Nevada Program hosted the LLWSF meeting in Las Vegas on February 11, 2026. DDFO Boehlecke thanked the NSSAB members for attending in support of a work plan.
- **FFACO:** The FFACO annual meeting was held on February 4, 2026, for FFACO signatories.
- **Test Cell C (TCC) Facility:** The TCC teardown was featured in the EM Update in late September 2025.
- **Engine Maintenance, Assembly, and Disassembly (EMAD) Hot Bay:** In support of transforming liabilities into opportunities, the DOE recently evaluated potential reuse opportunities at the EMAD facility on the NNSS. While no new mission has been identified, the facility has a unique reinforced concrete hot bay that may be a national asset. Therefore, rather than complete full demolition of the facility, the EM Nevada Program's Environmental Program Services contractor will demolish only a portion of the facility, leaving the hot bay for potential reuse.
- **DRI Partnership:** The EM Nevada Program recently partnered with DRI to facilitate an article in the EM Update that is available [here](#). The article focuses on DRI's EM grant to further STEM education in southern Nevada while simultaneously boosting interest in careers at the NNSS.
- **Navarro STEM Grants:** The Navarro STEM Grants program continues to support educational activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning in communities near the NNSS. The grant program, now in its fifth year, prompted dozens of applications for grants from schools in Clark, Elko, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and

White Pine counties. Recently Navarro awarded more than \$21,000 for the advancement of STEM learning in southern Nevada. This brings the total investment since the inception of this grant to more than \$83,000.

- **WMS:** The EM Nevada Program looks forward to participating in this year's conference in Phoenix beginning on March 8, 2026.

Enhancements to Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum ~ Work Plan #1 (Glen Puit, Navarro)

- **NSSAB – Work Plan Item #1**
 - From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide recommendations for ways to enhance/improve LLWSF meetings, including suggesting educational topics related to waste transportation and improving overall engagement
 - NSSAB designated three members to observe the February 11, 2026, LLWSF meeting and they will present their observations to the Full Board tonight
 - NSSAB recommendation is due either tonight, or the June 2026 NSSAB Meeting
- **Overview**
 - LLWSF Basics
 - LLWSF Charter/Mission
 - LLWSF Background
 - Past Guest Speakers and Topics
 - Example of an Agenda
 - Technology/Opportunities
- **LLWSF Basics**
 - LLWSF is hosted by DOE EM Nevada Program
 - The State of Nevada, along with counties that NNSS waste shipments are transported through, are members of the forum
 - Other participants include tribal leaders, an NSSAB representative, law enforcement, emergency responders, health departments/hospitals, and other federal agencies with ties to the NNSS
 - The meeting is not intended for the public
 - In the past, the meeting has been held quarterly. It is now held twice a year.
- **LLWSF Charter/Mission**
 - *“The LLWSF provides intergovernmental stakeholders the opportunity to obtain and discuss information related to the shipment and disposal of waste at the NNSS. Additionally, it provides a forum for participants to share information about relevant activities in which their organization is engaged. The DOE EM Nevada Program is committed to providing interested stakeholders information in a timely and transparent manner to improve communications and trust with intergovernmental partners and the communities they represent.” – LLWSF Charter*
- **LLWSF Background**
 - Early origins of the LLWSF can be traced back to an entity known as the Transportation Working Group (TWG)
 - TWG was established in 1994 and functioned for 10 years
 - Approximately 2010, the TWG was re-established but eventually disbanded due to lack of interest
 - Reformulated in 2016
 - Goal was to keep stakeholders informed of transportation/route issues and incidents while furthering lines of communication
 - Tabletop exercises for first responders were an example of the value of LLWSF

- **Technology/Challenges**

- Hybrid meetings held in Pahrump and Las Vegas
- Opportunity #1: Need for more presenters and fresh topics
- Opportunity #2: Increase engagement during meetings
- Requesting the NSSAB “think outside the box”
- New format? New ideas for presentations, technology, delivery of content

In response to Board questions, the following clarifications were provided:

- The TWG was originally established to receive stakeholder input for the development of the Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the NNSS. After the SWEIS was published, there was a slow waning of interest, so the TWG was disbanded. In 2010, the former EM Program Manager for Nevada determined that it was important to foster communication in related organizations that may not communicate otherwise, so regular meetings were re-established.
- During the years that the TWG was disbanded and did not regularly hold meetings, there was not an increase in LLW transportation incidents.

Chair Hilton, Vice-Chair Eddie Williams, Members Thomas Fisher and Robert Blackstock attended the most recent LLWSF meeting on February 11, 2026. Chair Hilton provided an update on items of interest to the NSSAB on topics that were discussed during the LLWSF meeting. After his update, he opened the floor to the other three NSSAB observers who provided their observations and insights from their attendance.

Chair Hilton led the Board discussion, and the following suggestions were offered as potential recommendations:

- Email LLWSF members with the meeting minutes from the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum as it may be useful (*M. Hilton*)
- Provide LLWSF members with a schedule of DOE’s Office of Packaging and Transportation (OPT) training events and assessments/oversight visits on motor carriers that are pertinent to southern Nevada, as stakeholders may want to take advantage of these events/visits (*M. Hilton*)
- Share a listing of all LLWSF members with the NSSAB (*M. Hilton*)
- Supply lunch for participants (*G. Elgort*)
- Return to quarterly LLWSF meetings (*L. Blandi*)

Vice-Chair Williams made a motion to accept the preceding suggestions as recommendations for the EM Nevada Program’s consideration. The motion was seconded. The Board held additional discussion on the proposed recommendations. Member Fisher made a motion to call the question to end discussion. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Chair Hilton ended Board discussion and called for a vote on the original motion, and it passed with a majority.

The NSSAB Office will draft a recommendation on behalf of the Board for the EM Nevada Program’s consideration and response. Mr. Puit thanked the NSSAB for its interest and recommendations.

FY 2028 Prioritization ~ Work Plan Item #2

- **Tonight's Path Forward**
 - Overview
 - Ranking process explanation
 - Briefing of each task (five [5] tasks total)
 - Waste management disposal
 - Post-closure monitoring
 - Industrial Sites
 - Stakeholder support
 - Groundwater characterization
 - Group discussion
 - Individual rankings
 - Prioritization tallying
 - Vote on final recommendation

Overview, Andrew Weber, Management Analyst, EM Nevada Program

- **EM Nevada Program Baseline**

Utilized by EM Nevada Program to support life cycle planning to execute its mission

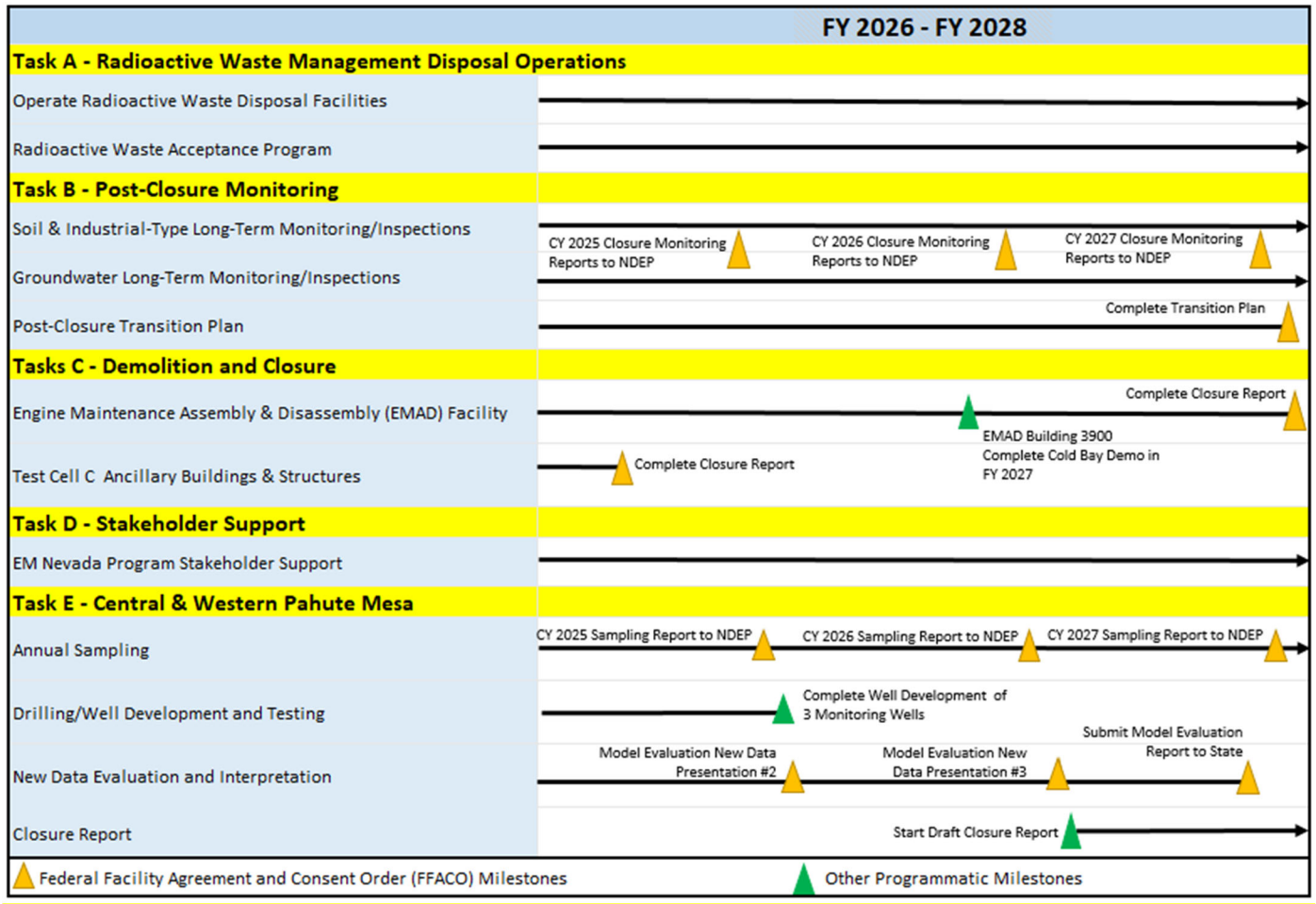
 - Three (3) major components make up the baseline
 - **Scope of Work:** Description of all work elements that need to be accomplished
 - **Cost:** Estimated cost to accomplish the scope of work
 - **Schedule:** Timeline and prioritization of the scope of work

Elements identified in the EM Nevada Program baseline are fully integrated
- **EM Nevada Program Baseline Planning Considerations**
 - Annual fundings
 - Scope is prioritized to maximize amount of work that can be accomplished
 - Scope uncertainties
 - Risk analysis performed to account for cost and schedule impacts associated with unknowns, such as extreme weather, subsurface conditions, extent of contamination, etc.
- **EM Nevada Program Baseline Maintenance**
 - Performance against the baseline
 - Contractors report monthly performance status to EM Nevada Program, where it is integrated and analyzed, then compared against the EM Nevada Program baseline plan
 - Baseline changes
 - Changes to baseline are required periodically to account for addition or deletion of scope, scientific strategy changes, or contract modifications
- **Federal Budget Process**



Example of DOE budget planning timeline

- **EM Nevada Program Baseline Schedule**



There were no Board questions on the Overview.

Ranking Process, Barbara Ulmer, Facilitator

- **The Ranking Process**
 - Presentation of each of the five (5) tasks (designated by letters)
 - Group discussion with members and liaisons
 - Each member will rank the tasks with 1-5 points using their worksheet
 - NSSAB Office will tally the rankings and present the results to the Full Board tonight
 - Further discussion, if necessary
 - NSSAB will vote on final ranking recommendation

Waste Management Disposal Task, Robert Boehlecke, Program Manager

- **Task A –Radioactive Waste Management Disposal Operations**
 - Maintain capability to safely receive and dispose approximately 800,000 million cubic feet per year of LLW, MLLW, and classified waste from on-site and off-site generators
 - Continue environmental monitoring activities
 - Construct and close waste cells at the Area 5 RWMC, as necessary
 - Initiate mixed LLW (MLLW) cell construction
 - Maintain safe and compliant waste disposal in accordance with applicable regulations
 - Continue generator facility evaluations and waste verifications conducted by RWAP per the NNSW Waste Acceptance Criteria
 - Risk/consequences of delay:

- People and the environment
 - NNSS-specific: Potential for inability to dispose of NNSS wastes resulting in additional costs for off-site disposal
 - Waste stored at other DOE sites may not have a safe and secure disposal path, potentially impacting the public and environment
- Project
 - DOE complex: additional costs; inability to dispose of some wastes
- Regulatory
 - DOE agreements and schedules with NDEP could be impacted
- Milestone:
 - Could impact EM Nevada Program demolition and closure activities

In response to Board questions, the following clarifications were provided:

- In the past couple of fiscal years with the demolition activities at TCC and EMAD Facilities, the percentage of the waste generated onsite that is being disposed of at the NNSS is approximately 20 percent. Before that time, it was approximately five percent.
- Approximately 20 percent of the EM Nevada Program budget is allocated to disposal facility operations. NNSA, the Office of Science, and Naval Reactors pay a separate fee to dispose of waste at the NNSS.
- Many of the decisions have not been fully made that affect when the waste disposed of at the NNSS will level off and remain at a steady rate. There will continue to be a long-term need for waste disposal at the NNSS.
- As the waste disposed of at the NNSS decreases, there will be continuous discussions on how to remain as efficient as possible while retaining a skilled work force.
- The SWEIS for the NNSS does not allow for the disposal of commercial waste at the NNSS.

Post-Closure Monitoring Task, Tiffany Gamero, Long-Term Monitoring Lead, EM Nevada Program

- **Task B – Post-Closure Monitoring**
 - Description:
 - Conduct post-closure monitoring on the NNSS
 - Post-closure inspections and maintenance
 - Groundwater sampling and analysis
 - Water level monitoring
 - Groundwater monitoring network maintenance
 - Reporting
 - Complete Site Transition Plan
 - Risk/consequences of delay:
 - People and the environment
 - Potential delay in identification of changes to implemented controls at sites
 - Increased risk that potential contaminant movement and/or potential exposure pathways may not be immediately recognized
 - Project
 - Delayed ability to monitor radionuclide migration

- Regulatory
 - DOE agreements and schedules with NDEP could be impacted
- Milestone:
 - Submit annual closure monitoring reports to NDEP

In response to Board questions, the following clarifications were provided:

- The majority of FFACO closed sites have a requirement for an annual inspection. Landfills have a requirement for an inspection every five years. Groundwater sampling at closed FFACO sites is conducted every six years.
- Closed FFACO sites in Yucca Flat and Plutonium Valley are a significant distance from any public border and there is no surface water runoff in these areas as the water is contained in basins.
- In a scenario where there is not adequate funding to conduct all post-closure monitoring activities, the EM Nevada Program would have discussions with NDEP on a path forward.
- The sampling year for groundwater is the current calendar year and again in 2032. Groundwater models indicate that the movement of contamination above the Safe Drinking Water Act standards will remain on federal lands.
- Should funding be reduced or increased, the NSSAB's prioritization ranking is important as it provides the EM Nevada Program with an understanding of what is important to the communities surrounding the NNSS.
- There are several closed FFACO sites that have post closure monitoring requirements after a rain event more than an inch. Containment controls, such as berms or covers in place, would be inspected for potential rain erosion.
- The Site Transition Plan will be used to guide the transfer of the long-term stewardship of closed FFACO sites to the NNSS landlord after the EM mission is complete.

Industrial Sites Task, Jackie Petrello, D&D Lead, EM Nevada Program

- **Task C – EMAD Facility**
 - Description:
 - Complete Closure Report
 - Remaining portion of the facility available for potential beneficial reuse – transfer to landlord
 - Milestones:
 - Any FFACO milestones (TBD) could be impacted

In response to Board questions, the following clarifications were provided:

- The field work at the EMAD facility is planned for completion prior to FY 2028.
- A portion of the EMAD building has thick reinforced walls that are potentially attractive to several missions, although there is no specific mission identified at this time.

Stakeholder Support Task, Glenn Puit, Navarro Strategic Communications Manager

- **Task D – Stakeholder Support**
 - Descriptions:
 - Develop and disseminate information on EM Nevada Program activities to diverse stakeholder groups
 - General public; NSSAB; intergovernmental liaisons; other local and regional government leaders; waste generator community; technical peers; and DOE headquarters
 - Outreach and related products planned and prepared in coordination with technical projects, such as: UGTA, RWAP, etc.
 - NSSAB, LLW Stakeholders Forum, and other intergovernmental meetings (local and national), NNSS tours of EM sites
 - Community and educational outreach events, STEM grants
 - Website content, presentations, fact sheets, articles, videos, and social media posts

There were no Board questions on the Stakeholder Support task.

Groundwater Characterization Task, John Myers, UGTA Activity Lead, EM Nevada Program

- **Task E – Central and Western Pahute Mesa**
 - Descriptions:
 - Complete groundwater sampling
 - Complete model evaluation
 - Continue development of the Closure Report
 - Risk/consequences of delay:
 - People and environment
 - Low risk that potential contaminant movement and/or exposure pathways may not be immediately recognized
 - Project
 - Delayed completion of Environmental Restoration mission
 - Regulatory
 - DOE agreements and schedules with NDEP could be impacted
 - Milestones:
 - Submit CY 2027 Annual Sampling Report to NDEP
 - Complete Status Presentation to NDEP
 - Submit Model Evaluation Report to NDEP

In response to Board questions, the following clarifications were provided:

- Groundwater is the last environmental restoration mission for the EM Nevada Program.
- Groundwater models indicate that the downgradient flow from the NNSS does not reach Death Valley National Park.

Chair Hilton led a Board discussion to address any further thoughts, concerns, comments, suggestions, or questions related to the work plan item #2 for FY 2028 Prioritization. Liaisons shared perspectives from their organizations. A break was taken to tally the individual prioritizations into a group ranking.

After the announcement of the group ranking results and after further Board deliberation, Member Kevin Trainor moved to approve the prioritization rankings listed below as a formal recommendation for submission to the EM Nevada Program for consideration during its budget process. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Rank	Task	Title
1	A	Radioactive Waste Management Disposal Operations
2 (TIED)	E	Central and Western Pahute Mesa (Groundwater)
2 (TIED)	B	Post-Closure Monitoring
3	D	Stakeholder Support
4	C	EMAD Facility (Industrial Sites)

The NSSAB Office will submit a recommendation letter on behalf of the NSSAB for consideration and response from the EM Nevada Program. DDFO Boehlecke thanked the NSSAB for its candid discussion regarding the prioritizations for FY 2028.

Other NSSAB Business *(Mark Hilton, Chair)*

EM Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Spring National Chairs Meeting

The EM SSAB Spring National Chairs Meeting will be held on April 27 – 30, 2026, hosted by the Hanford Advisory Board in Pasco, WA. A tour of the Hanford site will be conducted on the first day. The meeting on the next day will include update briefings and the round robins from each of the eight EM advisory boards presenting topics to EM Headquarters Senior Management that highlight the boards’ top interest/concerns and accomplishments. On the last day, the meeting will be held in the morning and conclude around noon. Representing the NSSAB, Chair Hilton and Vice-Chair Williams will participate with the other chairs and vice-chairs.

Chair Hilton began a Board discussion with the round robin topics that were to be presented during the EM SSAB Fall National Chairs Meeting that was cancelled in October 2025 due to the government shutdown.

Board Accomplishments:

- Successful Board composition of members serves to represent a variety of communities surrounding the NNSS
- Excellent liaison participation and contributions that add value to Board discussions during meetings

Board Concerns:

- Misinterpretation/misunderstanding of waste activities at the NNSS
- Will the NSSAB continue to be active after the completion of the EM restoration mission on the NNSS?

It was decided by the NSSAB that these round robin topics were still valid and remain on the round robin for the upcoming meeting. Chair Hilton suggested that a topic to be included in Board

accomplishments could be the following: **Contributed recommendations that improved EM input to the annual NNS Environmental Report.** Member Trainor made a motion to accept this topic as a Board accomplishment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Member Elgort suggested that a Board concern to be considered could be the following: **While hybrid meetings are extremely valuable, the most participation comes from in-person attendance, and the Board feels that a minimum number of in-person attendances per fiscal year should be required.** Vice-Chair Williams made a motion to accept this topic as a Board concern. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority.

Chair Hilton and Vice-Chair Williams will address these round robin topics with EM Senior Leadership during the EM SSAB Fall National Chairs Meeting on behalf of the NSSAB.

Educational Session: Roles and Responsibilities of NDEP as Related to the EM Nevada Program *(Meghan Lyle, NDEP)*

Meghan Lyle, Bureau of Federal Facilities' Supervisor, provided the NSSAB with an educational session on the roles and responsibilities of NDEP as related to the EM Nevada Program and answered Board questions. Chair Hilton thanked Ms. Lyle for her presentation and availability to answer questions.

Meeting Wrap-Up and Adjournment

After Chair Hilton's closing remarks, Member Trainor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.