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## RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) RECOMMENDATION FOR REVEGETATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (EM) SITES (WORK PLAN ITEM #5)

Reference: Ltr Graham to Boehlecke, dtd 5/3/23

I would like to thank the NSSAB for its recommendation provided in the above-mentioned letter regarding revegetation processes at EM sites. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), EM Nevada Program appreciates the time that the NSSAB spent in review and discussion during the April 2023 Full Board meeting on this topic.

The NSSAB recommended that the EM Nevada Program investigate using transplants of desert plant species from U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management lands to revegetate EM sites; the Program appreciates this recommendation and will look for opportunities to do so for future revegetation efforts.

The DOE EM Nevada Program appreciates the support of the NSSAB in this endeavor and the efforts made by the Board to provide recommendations. As always, the NSSAB's input is valued, and your efforts are greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing the dialogue regarding this work plan item during the next NSSAB Full Board meeting on July 19, 2023. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894 with any questions or comments.

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