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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN OUTLINE FOR A
COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT (EM) SITES ON THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE (NNSS) -
WORK PLAN ITEM #3**

Reference: Ltr Hilton to Boehlecke, dtd 9/11/25

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), EM Nevada Program appreciates the discussion and input on Work Plan Item #3 during the NSSAB's Full Board Meetings on June 18 and September 10, 2025. Work Plan Item #3 was to provide a recommendation from a community perspective on specific topics to be included in the final Site Communication Plan for transition and how and to whom it should be communicated.

In a letter dated September 11, 2025, the Board made the following recommendations:

- *Under the Purpose section, include categories describing the types of restrictions and post-closure monitoring requirements*
- *Under the Background section, provide background on the history of U.S. Department of Energy legacy nuclear testing activities on the NNSS*
- *Under the Stakeholders section, provide a method to determine which communities that will be given additional communications regarding the transition (e.g., Communities adjacent to the NNSS? Communities in California/Utah?)*
- *Under the Communication Tools section, include links to the Nuclear Testing Archive Public Virtual Reading Room and for other important documents, such as the NNSS Environmental Report*
- *Address in the scope: 1) a definition of stewardship, 2) migration for both groundwater and dust, and 3) what the transition to a future steward encompasses and what does it not include*
- *Provide before and after visuals of Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order closed sites to demonstrate progress at NNSS*
- *Explore using an interactive texting/response system*
- *Celebrate the successes of completing the cleanup mission on the NNSS*

- *Communicate adequate information to the public and where they can access more if interested*
- *Limit the use of jargon and acronyms*

As DOE EM Nevada draws closer to transferring responsibility for closed Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order sites to a different DOE long-term steward, the Site Communications Plan will guide DOE transition communications to stakeholders. As the Plan is developed and finalized over the next several years, the EM Nevada Program will consider the NSSAB's recommendations, both for improving the internal DOE document and for potential communications to surrounding communities. The NSSAB's input provides concrete considerations for plan development and is, as always, greatly appreciated.

The EM Nevada Program will provide future updates on this topic to the NSSAB. Please feel free to contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894 with any questions or comments.

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