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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION FOR LOW-LEVEL WASTE (LLW) FACILITY EVALUATIONS
(WORK PLAN ITEM #4)**

Reference: Ltr Hilton to Boehlecke, dtd 9/30/25

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program appreciates the NSSAB's interest and discussion for ways to enhance the LLW facility evaluations conducted by the Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP). Special appreciation to NSSAB Member Tammi Odegard and NSSAB Chair Mark Hilton for traveling to West Valley, NY and observing first-hand a facility evaluation conducted by RWAP and for their reporting during the September 10, 2025, NSSAB Full Board Meeting.

Based on their observations and reports, the NSSAB recommends that the EM Nevada Program provide NSSAB members, prior to travelling to a site to observe a facility evaluation, with a list of inspection items that includes a description, a summary of previous inspections, and a listing of the waste generator's risk value with a reasoning for that value.

DOE Response: The EM Nevada Program appreciates and agrees with this recommendation, supplemental information, when available, should be provided prior to NSSAB observation of future facility evaluations.

Again, the EM Nevada Program thanks the Board for its recommendations on enhancements to LLW facility evaluations. Please feel free to contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894 with any questions or comments.

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