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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION FOR REAL TIME RADIOGRAPHY (RTR) OPERATIONS AT THE
AREA 5 RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPLEX (RWMC) (WORK PLAN
ITEM #5)**

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 Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program's (RWAP's) RTR operations at the Area 5 RWMC. Special thanks to Members Eddie Williams and Doug Blackstock for traveling to the Nevada National Security Site to observe first-hand an RTR evaluation and for providing their follow-up report during the September 10, 2025, NSSAB Full Board Meeting.

Based on Members Williams' and Blackstock's observations and reports, the NSSAB recommends that the EM Nevada Program optimize the loading/unloading of the waste containers by extending the concrete pad on the north side of the RTR building.

Mission Support and Test Services (MSTS), the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Field Office contractor, has determined implementing this recommendation is not feasible at this time, due to construction costs resulting from the presence of power lines and closed septic system present below ground. However, extending the pad may be considered if future modifications are made to the RTR building.

The EM Nevada Program looks forward to providing status updates to the NSSAB on the new drive-through truck portal in the next fiscal year. Please feel free to contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894 with any questions or comments.

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