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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB) RECOMMENDATION FOR REEVALUATION OF AUDIT DETERMINATION PROCESS (WORK PLAN ITEM #3)

Reference: Ltr Graham to Boehlecke, dtd 9/25/23

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program appreciates the time that the NSSAB invested in reviewing and discussing the processes used to develop Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) schedules under the scope of the NSSAB's work plan item #3. Special thanks to Members Joycelyn Austin-Mabe and Gary Elgort for traveling to waste generators in Tennessee and New York to observe the RWAP Team conducting facility evaluations and providing reports to the NSSAB during its September 20, 2023, Full Board meeting in order for the Board to provide valued and informative recommendations to the EM Nevada Program.

Thank you to the NSSAB for its support of the continuing use of the risk-based methodology to schedule future facility evaluations. By assessing and rating risk attribute data, RWAP resources are focused by a deliberate scheduling of facility evaluations of waste generators with the ultimate goal of ensuring compliance with the Nevada National Security Sites Waste Acceptance Criteria. Additionally, when developing the schedule, RWAP will consider adding additional surveillances using a virtual component.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894.

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