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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR LOW-LEVEL WASTE (LLW) VISUAL VERIFICATIONS  
(WORK PLAN ITEM #2)**

Reference: Ltr Graham to Boehlecke, dtd 9/18/24

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 visual verifications conducted by the Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP). Special thanks to Members Kevin Trainor and Gary Elgort for taking the time to observe visual verifications being conducted by the RWAP Team in the field.

Below are responses to the NSSAB's recommendations:

**NSSAB Recommendation:** Visual verifications continue to be conducted by the RWAP Team and maintain its current high standards.

**DOE Response:** The EM Nevada Program appreciates the confidence that the NSSAB has in the process that the RWAP has in place for conducting visual verifications. RWAP will continue these activities as it provides another level of confidence that the generator is properly packaging waste according to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) Waste Acceptance Criteria.

**NSSAB Recommendation:** If a prohibited item is found by the RWAP Team during real time radiography (RTR), the generator be subjected to increased visual verifications.

**DOE Response:** As I mentioned in my response dated September 10, 2024 to the NSSAB recommendation regarding enhancements to RTR operations, I have instructed RWAP to propose methodology for increasing visual verifications of a generator in response to detection of a prohibited item. I will consider the proposed methodology and how it may enhance the program.

The EM Nevada Program looks forward to future participation in and recommendations on enhancements to RWAP activities conducted on the NNSS. Please feel free to contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894 with any questions or comments.

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