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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)  
RECOMMENDATION FOR ENHANCEMENTS TO LOW-LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS  
FORUM (LLWSF) MEETINGS - WORK PLAN ITEM #1**

Reference: Ltr Hilton to Boehlecke, dtd 3/3/26

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program appreciates the NSSAB's interest and input for ways to enhance/improve LLWSF meetings during the February 18, 2026, Full Board Meeting.

The EM Nevada Program would like to provide the following status updates to these Board recommendations:

- ***NSSAB recommendation:*** Email LLWSF members with the meeting minutes from the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum (NTSF) as it may be useful.  
***Status:*** The EM Nevada Program will notify LLWSF members that by visiting <https://www.ntsfc.org/contact-us> they can sign up for the NTSF mailing list that distributes an electronic quarterly newsletter and information on upcoming NTSF webinars and the annual meeting.
- ***NSSAB recommendation:*** Provide LLWSF members with a schedule of DOE's Office of Packaging and Transportation (OPT) training events and assessments/oversight visits on motor carriers that are pertinent to southern Nevada, as stakeholders may want to take advantage of these events/visits.  
***Status:*** The EM Nevada Program will coordinate with OPT regarding this recommendation. If the information can be made available, the EM Nevada Program will share with interested LLWSF members.
- ***NSSAB recommendation:*** Share a listing of all LLWSF members with the NSSAB.  
***Status:*** It is not clear to the EM Nevada Program that providing NSSAB members/ liaisons with a list of LLWSF attendees would result in an enhancement to LLWSF meetings. The EM Nevada Program would be willing to revisit the recommendation if the Board would like to clarify.

- ***NSSAB recommendation:*** Supply lunch for participants.  
***Status:*** A federal agency is not authorized to use appropriated funds to purchase items such as food and refreshments because they are considered personal expenses.
- ***NSSAB recommendations:*** Return to quarterly LLWSF meetings.  
***Status:*** The EM Nevada Program concurs that interaction and communication between the stakeholders of the various LLWSF groups is both pertinent and valuable. Since member engagement diminished in recent years, the EM Nevada Program shifted to bi-annual meetings. However, the EM Nevada Program will continue to evaluate the appropriateness of meeting frequency based on attendance and expressed interest.

The EM Nevada Program again thanks Chair Mark Hilton, Vice-Chair Eddie Williams, Members Thomas Fischer, and Robert Blackstock for attending and observing the February 11, 2026, LLWSF and reporting at the February 18, 2026, NSSAB meeting. Thank you also to the Board for providing these recommendations for ways to enhance/improve LLWSF meetings.

Please feel free to contact the NSSAB Office at (702) 523-0894 with any questions or comments.

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