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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION FOR POST CLOSURE INSPECTION AND EVALUATION FOR
GROUNDWATER SITES AT THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE (NNSS) -
WORK PLAN ITEM #6

Reference: Ltr Hilton to Boehlecke, dtd 4/24/25

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), EM Nevada Program appreciates the NSSAB's interest and input for ways the standard Post Closure Inspection Process for groundwater sites on the NNSS could be improved or enhanced during the April 16, 2025, Full Board Meeting.

The EM Nevada Program values the following Board recommendations:

- **NSSAB recommendation:** Develop a visual presentation of testing results for a better understanding by the public
DOE Response: The EM Nevada Program will consider including graphs of sampling results in future post closure monitoring reports
- **NSSAB Recommendation:** Research whether excess water from pumping of a well during sampling could be captured and used for other purposes, such as dust suppression
DOE Response: The EM Nevada Program will consider coordinating use of excess water from pumping when safe and practical

The EM Nevada Program again thanks the Board for taking the time to provide recommendations for the Post Closure Process for groundwater sites. Special thanks to Members Lisa Blandi and Brandon Schmidt for spending the day at the NNSS with staff to observe our process and the sampling of Well WW-C-1 and reporting back to the NSSAB in support of this work plan item.

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

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