



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

September 11, 2025

DDFO Robert Boehlecke
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Development of an Outline for a Communication Plan for the Transition of EM Sites on the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) (Work Plan Item #3)

Dear DDFO Boehlecke,

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) was asked to provide a recommendation, from a community perspective, to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on specific topics to be included in the final Site Communication Plan for transition and how and to whom it should be communicated.

In support of the scope of this work plan item, Tiffany Gamero, DOE's Regulatory/Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFACO) Lead, conducted a work plan presentation and answered questions during the June 18, 2025, NSSAB Full Board Meeting. The briefing included information on the purpose, background, roles and responsibilities, stakeholders, and the communication tools to be used for the final Plan.

The NSSAB began developing recommendations during the June meeting, although the Board decided to finalize them during its September 10, 2025, Full Board Meeting to give members an opportunity to ponder any additional recommendations.

After Board discussion, the NSSAB provides the following recommendations on specific topics to be included in the final Site Communication Plan for transition and how and to whom it should be communicated:

- Under the Purpose section, include categories describing the types of restrictions and post-closure monitoring requirements
- Under the Background section, provide background on the history of DOE legacy nuclear testing activities on the NNSS
- Under the Stakeholders section, provide a method to determine which communities that will be given additional communications regarding the transition (E.g., Communities adjacent to the NNSS? Communities in California/Utah?)
- Under the Communication Tools section, include links to the Nuclear Testing Archive Public Virtual Reading Room and for other important documents, such as the NNSS Environmental Report
- Address in the scope: 1) a definition of stewardship, 2) migration for both groundwater and dust, and 3) what the transition to a future steward encompasses and what does it not include

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- Provide before and after visuals of FFACO closed sites to demonstrate progress at the NNSS
- Explore using an interactive texting/response system
- Celebrate the successes of completing the cleanup mission on the NNSS
- Communicate adequate information to the public and where they can access more if interested
- Limit the use of jargon and acronyms

These recommendations also include items of interest that the NSSAB feel are important to communicate with the public during the transition.

The NSSAB thanks Ms. Gamero for her work plan briefing and answering questions about this topic. The NSSAB looks forward to future updates on the Site Communication Plan for the transition of EM Sites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark H. Hilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "H".

Mark Hilton, Chair

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