



# Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

November 22, 2023

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Annual Update Presentation for Pahute Mesa  
Corrective Action Units [CAUs] (Work Plan Item #7)

Dear DDFO Boehlecke,

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) was asked to provide a recommendation, from a community perspective, to the DOE on improvement and/or refinement for the annual update presentation for the Pahute Mesa CAUs prior to presenting to the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP).

In support of the scope of this work plan item, Ken Rehfeldt, Navarro's Under-ground Test Area Manager, conducted the presentation developed to be given to NDEP in December 2023 and answered questions during the November 8, 2023 NSSAB Full Board Meeting. Focusing on the Pahute Mesa CAUs, Mr. Rehfeldt provided an overview; a status of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order; samples collected in fiscal year 2023; a risk evaluation; drilling status and well site preparation; a schedule; and next steps.

After Board discussion, the NSSAB recommends the following enhancements to the annual update presentation for Pahute Mesa CAUs:

- Map keys be added to pages 10, 13, and 15, and kilometers/miles conflict be resolved on page 7
- Naming conventions between wells be explained
- Physical blocks between sampling zones be explained

The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity to provide these recommendations to the DOE EM Nevada Program and looks forward to future updates on Pahute Mesa on its progress to closure.

Sincerely,

Anthony Graham, Chair

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