



# Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

September 25, 2023

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SUBJECT: Reevaluation of Audit Determination Process (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 the processes used by the EM Nevada Program to develop Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) schedules.

During the April 19, 2023 NSSAB Full Board meeting, Marilew Bartling, Navarro's RWAP Manager, conducted a presentation and answered questions on the risk-informed selection process for developing the schedule for facility evaluations of waste generators. Her briefing included facility evaluation (FE) enhancements, assessing and rating risk attribute data for schedule development, evaluating special consideration for FEs, and schedule development and control.

In support of the scope of this work plan item, NSSAB Member Joycelyn Austin-Mabe accompanied a RWAP Team to observe a surveillance of a generator located in Kingston, TN, and NSSAB Member Gary Elgort accompanied a RWAP Team to observe a surveillance of a generator located in West Valley, NY. Members Austin-Mabe and Elgort provided very informational reports on their observations during a Full Board meeting on September 20, 2023. Ms. Bartling was available to answer any additional questions in regard to the work plan item.

After Board discussion, the NSSAB recommends that the EM Nevada Program:

- Add a virtual component so more surveillances can be added to the schedule, and
- Continue to use the risk-based methodology to schedule future facility evaluations

Special thanks to Ms. Bartling for her presentation and answering the NSSAB's questions. Thank you also for the opportunity for NSSAB members to observe first-hand the RWAP Team conducting surveillances in support of this work plan item.

Sincerely,

Anthony Graham, Chair

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