



# Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Low-Level Waste (LLW) Transportation  
(Work Plan #9)

Dear Mr. 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 how LLW transportation could be improved.

At its July 20th Full Board meeting, the NSSAB received briefings on *Assessing Potential Exposure to the Public from LLW Truck Transportation to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), Shipments to the NNSS Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC), LLW Transportation Overnighting, and State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Conducting Radiological Surveys at the Area 5 RWMC*. Based on these briefings, the NSSAB recommends that the DOE should continue to pursue enhanced notification requirements for waste transportation carriers who are involved in an incident or an emergency situation en route to the NNSS. Earlier notifications to the Nevada Field Office would allow DOE to respond to public questions in a more timely and efficient manner. In addition, these incidents/situations should be reported utilizing the 24-hour NNSS Operations Command Center phone number.

The Board wishes to thank you, Julie Miller, Desert Research Institute, Scott Kranker, National Security Technologies, and Chris Andres, NDEP, for briefing on the subject of LLW transportation to the NNSS.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Hruska, Chair

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