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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMMUNICATING GROUNDWATER SAMPLING
RESULTS

In February 2014, the NSSAB began studying the Nevada Field Office's request for how a communication plan could be structured that would communicate groundwater sampling results to communities near the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). As a result of discussions during three Full Board meetings, the NSSAB made the decision to not make a formal recommendation on a communication plan. Rather, the Board recommended the Nevada Field Office develop a graphic that explains at a basic level to the general public the impacts of historic underground nuclear testing at and near the NNSS and what work the Department is completing to ensure the safety of the public, workers, and the environment. In particular, the Board recommended the graphic show the location of historic underground nuclear tests, the direction groundwater is traveling, and current basic sampling results.

As a result of this recommendation, the Nevada Field Office is currently working with multiple multimedia experts to determine the best path forward for depicting the recommended topics. The Nevada Field Office plans to work with the NSSAB during the development process to ensure the graphic meets the needs of the Board. It is anticipated the graphic will be completed during fiscal year 2015 and will be made available to the community through the Nevada Field Office's website.

I would like to thank the Board for their dedication and time in understanding the variety of viewpoints that must be considered when developing a communication plan. If you have questions, please contact me at (702) 295-2836 or via e-mail at kelly.snyder@nnsa.doe.gov.

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