



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS)
Communication Plan for Groundwater Sampling Results (Work
Plan Item #5)

Dear Ms. Snyder,

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 ways the NNSS Communication Plan for Groundwater Sampling Results may be enhanced.

After a briefing on February 19th and Board deliberation at the March 19th and May 21st Full Board Meetings, the NSSAB recommends that the DOE develop a graphic representation that depicts the location of the underground tests, the direction groundwater is traveling, and current basic sampling results (where DOE has found contamination and where it has not). This graphic representation could be available to the community on the Nevada Field Office's website. The NSSAB recommends that DOE research the best format to depict this information that is easily accessible and understandable by the general public.

Additionally, The NSSAB is interested in providing further feedback in fiscal year 2015 on how DOE communicates sampling results to the public as the communication plan continues to be developed as the models mature and additional data is collected.

The NSSAB appreciates the time provided in briefing the subject and looks forward to providing additional feedback in the future.

Sincerely,

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