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**RESPONSE TO NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)  
RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CORRECTIVE ACTION UNIT (CAU) 568: AREA 3  
PLUTONIUM DISPERSION SITES, EVALUATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION  
ALTERNATIVES (WORK PLAN ITEM #2)**

I would like to thank the NSSAB for taking the time to provide recommendations regarding the corrective action alternatives at CAU 568: Area 3 Plutonium Dispersion Sites. Six Corrective Action Sites (CASs) at CAU 550 exceeded the action levels, and the NSSAB evaluated each site for the corrective action alternatives of clean closure or closure in place with use restrictions. The Board's recommendations are as follows:

<b>Site</b>	<b>Corrective Action Alternative Recommended by NSSAB</b>
Well Head Covers – San Juan, Luna, Valencia (CASs 03-23-23, 03-23-31, 03-23-33)	Clean Closure
Four Soil/Debris Piles (CASs 03-08-04, 03-23-30)	Closure in Place for Soil and Debris Piles (Eastern, Central, and Western) Clean Closure for High Contamination Area Soil Pile
Lead Shot and Debris (CAS 03-26-04)	Clean Closure

The NSSAB's recommendations for CAU 568 were communicated to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) during the Corrective Action Alternatives meeting for CAU 568. Based on the discussion during the meeting, and subsequent discussions with NDEP, DOE intends to propose clean closure for all six CASs in the Corrective Action Decision Document. While the NSSAB had recommended closure in place for the three soil and debris piles that are likely contaminated by lead, it was agreed during the meeting that clean closure was the appropriate selected alternative, as the cost to characterize the piles for use restriction would exceed the cost of clean closure.

The Nevada Field Office Environmental Management Operations Activity appreciates the support of the NSSAB in this endeavor and the efforts made by the Board to provide recommendations. As always, the NSSAB's input is valued and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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