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**RESPONSE TO NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)  
RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SOILS QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN (WORK  
PLAN ITEM #4)**

I would like to thank the NSSAB for taking the time to provide recommendations regarding the “*Soils Quality Assurance Plan*.” The NSSAB evaluated the Plan with the following question in mind: Are there any improvements or enhancements to be made to the report?

In response to the Boards recommendations, the following changes/clarifications are being made to the Soils Quality Assurance Plan:

- References of Federal data management documents were added to better define the requirements for the continued ability to securely store, access, and backup data.
- The text “acceptable ranges for precision and accuracy” was clarified by adding references to the sections where they are defined.
- The term “corrective action” was being applied to both quality management and environmental remediation. This confusion was eliminated by changing the quality terms to “correct deficiencies” and “verify effectiveness.”
- A statement was added to Section 1.0 to emphasize that “If a participant’s requirement document differs from this QAP, the stricter requirement will take precedence.”
- The term “sample” in the Chain of Custody section was better defined as a field sample that is used to generate decisional data.

It is anticipated that the next revision of the draft Soils Quality Assurance Plan will be available by the end of August 2015. Please let the NSSAB Office know if you would like a copy of the revision when it becomes available.

As always, the support of the NSSAB in this endeavor and the efforts made by the Board to provide recommendations are greatly appreciated.

Please direct comments and questions to Kelly Snyder at (702) 295-2836.



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