



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

September 16, 2015

Ms. Kelly Snyder, DDFO
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SUBJECT: Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) Work Plan

Dear Ms. Snyder,

At our September 16, 2015, Full Board meeting, the NSSAB had the opportunity to review the list of activities the Department of Energy (DOE) proposed the NSSAB incorporate into its FY 2016 work plan. In addition, the NSSAB also discussed potential tasks. After Full Board discussion, the NSSAB would like DOE's approval for the attached work plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on Environmental Management activities at the Nevada National Security Site and look forward to a productive year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna L. Hruska', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Donna L. Hruska, Chair

Attachment

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Item 1	Work Plan Item:	<i>Corrective Action Alternatives for Corrective Action Unit (CAU) 573, Alpha Contaminated Sites</i>
	Deadline:	November 2015
	Description:	<p>In November 2015, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB that outlines the nature and extent of contamination, the potential risk to human health and the environment, and an overview of the Corrective Action Alternatives for CAU 573.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation on which corrective action alternative (closure in place or clean closure) should be selected by the Nevada Field Office.</p>

Item 2	Work Plan Item:	<i>Proposed Changes to Long-Term Monitoring at Closed Sites</i>
	Deadline:	May 2016
	Description:	<p>In May 2016, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on proposed changes to some of the current long-term monitoring requirements for closed Corrective Action Sites on the Nevada National Security Site.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation regarding the proposed changes to current long-term requirements.</p>

Item 3	Work Plan Item:	<i>Revegetation at CAU 111, Area 5 Closed Mixed Waste Cells</i>
	Deadline:	May 2016
	Description:	<p>In May 2016, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on the revegetation efforts on the cover at CAU 111, <i>Area 5 Closed Mixed Waste Cells</i> on the Nevada National Security Site.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation suggesting a path forward regarding the cover at CAU 111.</p>

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Item 4	Work Plan Item:	<i>Air Monitoring Stations at the Tonopah Test Range</i>
	Deadline:	July 2016
	Description:	<p>In July 2016, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on air monitoring stations collecting data at Soils sites on the Tonopah Test Range.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation for whether air monitoring at these stations should be discontinued, the stations should be moved to different locations or continue at the current locations, or a combination.</p>

Item 5	Work Plan Item:	Frenchman Flat Long-term Monitoring Plan (Closure Report)
	Deadline:	November 2015 or January 2016
	Description:	<p>In November 2015, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB explaining the draft Frenchman Flat long-term monitoring plan (Closure Report).</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation as to if the draft plan meets communities expectations and if there are any recommended changes.</p>

Item 6	Work Plan Item:	<i>Path to Closure for Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain</i>
	Deadline:	January 2016
	Description:	<p>In January 2016, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB describing the current status of <i>Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain</i> groundwater. The briefing will include a planned path forward to closure for this Corrective Action Unit.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide recommendations on if the Board supports the plan and how it could be enhanced.</p>

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Item 7	Work Plan Item:	<i>Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) Assessment Improvement Opportunities</i>
	Deadline:	May 2016
	Description:	<p>In March 2016, the Nevada Field Office will provide a briefing to the NSSAB on the RWAP assessment process. Up to two members will be able to observe a generator surveillance (March 22-23, 2016) at the Nevada National Security Site.</p> <p>The NSSAB members who participation in the observation will present their observations to the Full Board. From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation for ways to improve the RWAP assessment process.</p>

Item 8	Work Plan Item:	<i>FY 2018 Baseline Prioritization</i>
	Deadline:	March 2016
	Description:	<p>In March 2016, the Nevada Field Office will provide briefings on planned FY 2018 baseline activities.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide a recommendation ranking the activities.</p>

Item 9	Work Plan Item:	<i>Low-Level Waste Transportation</i>
	Deadline:	September 2016
	Description:	<p>Transportation related briefings will be provided throughout the year during educational sessions and Full Board meetings.</p> <p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide recommendations on how waste transportation could be improved by the Department of Energy.</p>

Item 10	Work Plan Item:	<i>Communication Improvement Opportunities</i>
	Deadline:	September 2016
	Description:	<p>From a community perspective, the NSSAB will provide recommendation(s) at each Full Board meeting on ways that the Department of Energy (DOE) can improve/enhance communication to the public (i.e. presentations, open houses, documents, fact sheets). These interim recommendations would be documented in the official minutes of each Full Board meeting with a final recommendation letter submitted to DOE at the end of the fiscal year.</p>