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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Potential New Resource Conservation and
Recovery Act Part B Permitted Mixed Waste Disposal Unit
(Work Plan Item #9)

Dear Mr. Boehlecke,

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 a path forward for mixed waste disposal at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).

After a briefing and tour of the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) and a briefing and Board discussion during the November 19, 2014 Full Board meeting, the NSSAB perceives a need for additional space for mixed low-level waste (MLLW) and is in support of continued Environmental Management activities for the disposal of DOE-generated MLLW at the NNSS.

In addition, the NSSAB, from a community perspective, makes the following recommendations:

- Research the feasibility of increasing the capacity of the proposed MLLW Cell 25 based on waste projections to realize potential cost savings over the life of the cell
- Discuss MLLW transportation procedures with stakeholders as DOE moves forward with the proposed MLLW Cell 25
- Define LLW/MLLW in understandable terms for the public on printed materials at events, such as open houses
- Consider designing a display box that include typical mock MLLW items for viewing at public events

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The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity to tour the Area 5 RWMC and to provide this recommendation to the DOE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna L. Hruska". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna L. Hruska, Chair

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