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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Path to Closure for Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain (Work Plan Item #6)

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 if the Board supports the plan to closure for Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain groundwater corrective action unit and how it could be enhanced.

After receiving a briefing, asking extensive questions, and further deliberating, the NSSAB supports DOE’s alternate path forward for Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain. At this time, the NSSAB does not have any recommendations for enhancements to the path forward, but would request that the Board be kept apprised on the progress to closure at Rainier Mesa/Shoshone Mountain.

The Board especially wants to thank Andrew Tompson for his time in briefing this work plan item.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Hruska, Chair

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