



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

November 8, 2017

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Core Library (Work Plan Item #2)

Dear Mr. Wilborn,

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 its preferred path forward for the Environmental Management (EM) Underground Test Area (UGTA) Core housed at the Mercury Core Library.

In support of this work plan, you and Jeff Sanchez, Core Library Manager, provided an extensive briefing on the Mercury Core Library and Data Center at the November 8th NSSAB meeting. Additionally, the NSSAB was provided a tour of the Mercury Core Library during its annual work plan tour of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) on October 25, 2017.

In order for the Board to provide an informed recommendation, the NSSAB recommends that DOE provide additional information regarding the costs of rental currently at the NNSS, the timeline that DOE wants to make a decision on this activity, the accessibility/suitability of the current facility, and whether the EM Cores/Cuttings are actually needed or not in the Mercury Core Library.

The NSSAB appreciates the briefing provide by you and Mr. Sanchez at the November meeting and look forward to future discussions regarding the path forward for the EM UGTA Core.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Rosenbaum', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Steven Rosenbaum, Chair

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