



# Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

November 7, 2018

Ms. Kelly Snyder, DDFO  
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Management (EM) Nevada Program  
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Offsite Groundwater Communication Plan  
(Work Plan Item #6)

Dear Ms. Snyder,

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 Offsite Groundwater Communication Plan is supported by the NSSAB and/or how it could be improved.

In support of this work plan item, Bill Wilborn, Deputy Program Manager, Operations for the EM Nevada Program, presented an overview at the November 7, 2018 NSSAB Meeting on the Underground Test Area groundwater activity and current contamination levels in the Pahute Mesa area of the Nevada National Security Site. This provided an excellent foundation for your briefing on the work plan item explaining the purpose and the five key components of the Offsite Groundwater Communication Plan.

After deliberation, the NSSAB recommends that the Offsite Groundwater Communication Plan be accepted as presented as it is an excellent plan, well thought out, and simple to follow.

The NSSAB thanks you and Mr. Wilborn for your time in briefing this work plan item in order to provide this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Frank Bonesteel, Chair

cc: David Borak, DOE/HQ (EM-4.32)  
Michelle Hudson, DOE/HQ (EM-4.32)  
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