



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

February 3, 2021

DDFO Robert Boehlecke
U.S. Department of Energy
Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program
100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1750
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SUBJECT: Recommendation for NSSAB Long-Term Strategy
(Work Plan Item #4)

Dear DDFO 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 for how the NSSAB envisions its future role as the EM Nevada Program mission transitions to completion, including recommendations on the frequency of meetings, number of members, and overall community expectations.

In support of this work plan item, Kelly Snyder, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the EM Site-Specific Advisory Board, provided a briefing and answered questions on the work plan item at the November 18, 2020 NSSAB Full Board Meeting.

After Board dialogue, the NSSAB recommends that the EM Nevada Program keeps top of mind that the overall end goal for the NSSAB is to work itself out of a job and recommends flexibility in reducing the Board's scope as the Program draws toward completion. The NSSAB also recommends that the EM Nevada Program consider the following:

- **NSSAB Membership:** Recommend that as NSSAB members complete their six (6) years of service, they are not replaced; memberships which are terminated due to resignation or other causes(s) that have not termed out should be filled for the remaining unexpired term(s); revisit in fiscal year 2025. During membership recruitment campaigns, the EM Nevada Program shall endeavor to maintain representation for geographic areas in proximity to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).
- **Meeting Frequency:** Recommend that NSSAB meetings continue to be held bimonthly, as currently scheduled, and institute a gradual, annual process of reduction to the number of meetings and work plan item(s) as the end of the program approaches and which will end just prior to the end of the EM Nevada Program mission.
- **Other:** Recommend that there is an NSSAB as long as there is radioactive waste transported to and disposed at the NNSS, and that the NSSAB takes an even more active role in focusing on waste disposal and transportation activities as the EM Nevada Program clean-up missions reach its regulatory end-states.

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The NSSAB appreciates the opportunity to provide these recommendations to the EM Nevada Program. Special thanks to DFO Snyder for her briefing and answering our questions in support of this work plan item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Bonesteel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent horizontal line extending from the left side.

Frank Bonesteel, Chair

cc: Kelly Snyder, DOE/HQ (EM-4.32)
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