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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
05-12-11 LETTER RE: RECOMMENDATION ON PATH FORWARD FOR TRAIN CARS
AND LOCOMOTIVES LOCATED AT THE ENGINE MAINTENANCE ASSEMBLY AND
DISASSEMBLY (EMAD) FACILITY CORRECTIVE ACTION UNIT (CAU) 566

The U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office appreciates the NSSAB's efforts in reviewing the closure options for the rail stock identified as part of CAU 566, EMAD Compound. We understand the Board has a strong desire to preserve items of significance from historic nuclear testing activities at the Nevada National Security Site.

The NSSAB recommendation contained a variety of topics that need to be addressed separately.

NSSAB Recommendation: the Nevada Site Office should determine if the funds allocated for clean-up could be used to relocate the locomotives, the emplacement vehicle, and the control car to Beatty, NV for community viewing.

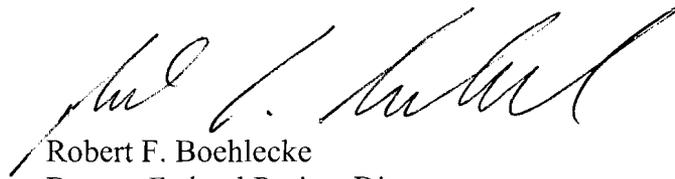
Using currently appropriated funds to relocate rail stock would cause a reduction in the amount of other environmental restoration activities that are currently scheduled and based on commitments to the State of Nevada per the Federal Facility and Consent Order. Therefore, the vehicles will stay onsite and available for Beatty or other entities if funding is identified to cover the costs.

NSSAB Recommendation: the Nevada Site Office should consider moving the rail stock to a location that is under consideration for closure in place.

As suggested by the NSSAB, the Nevada Site Office agrees locating the rail stock in a closure in place area is preferred. After completion of the investigation of the EMAD compound and evaluation of the corrective action alternatives, the Nevada Site Office has determined that closure in place with a use restriction (UR) is the preferred alternative for CAU 566. This decision will be included in the CAU 566 Closure Report that will be submitted to the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for final approval this month.

The Nevada Site Office Environmental Restoration Project appreciates the interest of the NSSAB in this activity and the efforts made by the NSSAB to review the closure options. We will continue to keep the NSSAB informed on this activity.

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