



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

July 18, 2012

Mr. Rob Boehlecke,
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SUBJECT: Recommendation Regarding the Department of Energy's Need to
Re-evaluate Groundwater Contamination Containment/Removal
Alternatives

Dear Mr. Boehlecke,

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board was asked to determine if there was a need, from a community perspective, for the U.S. Department of Energy to re-evaluate groundwater contamination containment/removal alternatives at the Nevada National Security Site.

The Board reviewed *Evaluation of Selected Remedial Alternatives*, DOE/NV (1997) and the subsequent 2011 *Technical Peer Review of Nevada National Security Site Groundwater Remediation Strategy* and discussed this topic during the May 16, 2012 Full Board meeting. The Board recommends the Nevada Site Office continue its current groundwater strategy which incorporates intrinsic remediation and institutional controls. If at a future date new technologies or additional data warrant the need for a new or different strategy, the Board recommends the DOE complete such a review with the necessary resources.

The Board wishes to thank Environmental Management for the opportunity to review the groundwater contamination containment/removal alternatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'KATHLEEN BIENENSTEIN', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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