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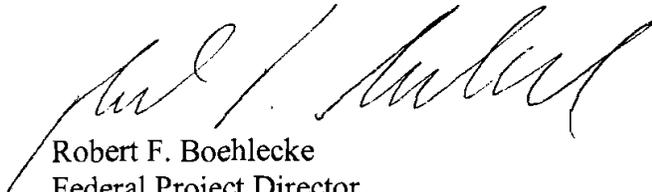
RESPONSE TO THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) FOR NEVADA TEST SITE PROGRAMS' 12-17-09 RECOMMENDATION LETTER REGARDING CORRECTIVE ACTION UNIT (CAU) 371, JOHNNIE BOY CRATER AND PIN STRIPE

We appreciate the CAB's efforts in reviewing the closure options for CAU 371, Johnnie Boy Crater and Pin Stripe. After reviewing data for these sites, evaluating the closure options, and receiving your recommendation, we have decided to pursue closure in place for CAU 371. We are currently working toward this goal through the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order process. This process requires us to present a formal recommendation to the State of Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP), respond to comments, and receive formal acceptance of our approach from NDEP prior to implementation.

As recommended in your letter, we are currently evaluating how to address the two potential exposure scenarios (Industrial Use and Occasional Use). Ultimately, our recommendation to the NDEP for closure of these sites will identify an exposure scenario based on the site-specific factors including distribution of contamination, site configuration and controls, as well as current and potential land use.

The closure recommendation will be finalized and documented in a Corrective Action Decision Document (CADD). The CADD will include specific information on any posting, fencing or other physical and administrative controls that will be included in the closure recommendation. Our current milestone with NDEP for completion of the CADD is April 2010. However, NSO may pursue an extension to this milestone to allow for a combined Corrective Action Decision Document and Closure Report (CADD/CR). The National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) Environmental Restoration Project (ERP) pursues a CADD/CR when only minor corrective actions are needed (e.g., fencing and posting) as agreed to by NDEP. Under this scenario, a new milestone will be negotiated with NDEP for completion of the CADD/CR to allow for finalization of the CADD/CR after completion of the specified closure activities. Either the CADD or CADD/CR will be made available to the CAB.

NNSA/NSO ERP appreciates the interest of the CAB in this project and the efforts made by the CAB to review the closure options. We will continue to keep the CAB informed on this project. If you have further questions, please contact Kelly Snyder at (702) 295-2836.



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