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RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
02-16-11 LETTER RE: RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE OF CORRECTIVE ACTION
UNIT (CAU) 374

The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) appreciates the NSSAB's efforts in reviewing the closure options for CAU 374, Area 20 Schooner Unit Craters. Based on the evaluation of the closure options for this CAU, discussions with the NSSAB, and discussions with the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), NNSA/NSO is proceeding with a recommendation of Closure in Place with use restrictions under the Remote Work Area exposure scenario, as recommended by the NSSAB. The Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order process requires us to present a formal recommendation to the NDEP, respond to comments, and receive formal acceptance of our approach prior to implementation.

The closure recommendation will be finalized and documented in a Corrective Action Decision Document/Closure Report (CADD/CR). The CADD/CR will include specific information on any posting, fencing, or other physical and administrative controls to be included in the closure recommendation. The current milestone with NDEP for completion of the CADD/CR is July 29, 2011.

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

If you have any further questions, please contact Kelly K. Snyder at (702) 295-2836.

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