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**RESPONSE TO THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)
01-13-11 RECOMMENDATION LETTER REGARDING CORRECTIVE ACTION
UNIT (CAU) 372 AREA 20 CABRIOLET/PALANQUIN UNIT CRATERS**

We appreciate the NSSAB's efforts in reviewing the closure options for CAU 372, Area 20 Cabriolet/Palanquin Unit Craters. After reviewing data for these sites, evaluating the closure options, and receiving your recommendation, we have decided to proceed with Closure in Place with use restrictions under the Remote Work Area exposure scenario. The Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order process requires us to present a formal recommendation to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (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 May 31, 2011.

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

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