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FINAL SITE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SWEIS) FOR THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE (NNSS) AND OFF-SITE LOCATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA (DOE/EIS-426)

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 13, 2013, regarding the Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Nevada National Security Site and Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada (NNSS SWEIS). The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) does not intend to extend the 30-day review and waiting period between announcing the availability of the Final SWEIS and making decisions informed by the SWEIS. The NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500 and 10 CFR 1021) do not call for a formal public comment period on a Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the NNSS SWEIS is expected to be issued in April 2013, and will be provided to your office at that time.

NNSA strongly believes that all substantive issues identified during the 2011 formal comment period for the Draft NNSS SWEIS have been thoroughly vetted and responses to the comments are presented in the Final NNSS SWEIS. Although we are not in a formal public comment period, comments on the Final NNSS SWEIS received by March 25, 2013, will be acknowledged, and addressed, to the extent practicable in an appendix to the ROD.

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