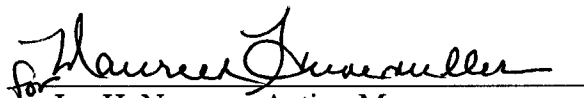


AGENCY: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NEVADA
SITE OFFICE (NNSA/NSO)

ACTION: WITHDRAWAL OF THE REVISED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT (FONSI) FOR THE DIVINE STRAKE EXPERIMENT

The NNSA/NSO, as the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), as a cooperating agency, issued a REVISED FONSI on May 9, 2006, based on the information and analyses in the Revised Environmental Assessment for "Large-Scale, Open-Air Explosive Detonation DIVINE STRAKE at the Nevada Test Site." Through signing the REVISED FONSI, NNSA/NSO also authorized the conduct of the DIVINE STRAKE experiment at the NNSA/NSO's Nevada Test Site (NTS), within the limitations of applicable permits and regulations. Since that time, concerns were raised that the DIVINE STRAKE experiment might result in resuspension of radioactive material into the air, including the minimal amounts of material that may be associated with background radiation (including naturally occurring radiation and global fallout). In view of these concerns, NNSA/NSO, as the lead agency, has decided to re-evaluate the existing data, analyses, and conclusions contained in the Revised EA and Revised FONSI to address the role that background radiation may have, if any, in the proposed DIVINE STRAKE experiment. Therefore, NNSA/NSO, as the lead agency for the NEPA process, hereby withdraws the REVISED FONSI, and, as the agency charged with authorizing activities occurring on the NTS, hereby cancels the authorization to conduct the DIVINE STRAKE experiment at the NTS at this time.

Signed this 9th day of June 2006.


for Jay H. Norman, Acting Manager
NNSA/NSO