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## SiteLines looks back at 2007

2007 was a busy and productive year at the Nevada Site Office. To commemorate all the projects, milestones, awards, and employees, *SiteLines* asked for photos from you, and you delivered!

Presented herewith is the year 2007, as contributed by employees...

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## Milestones

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#### Desert Research Institute

##### **20 years**

Darko Koracin, Melanie Wetzel

##### **15 years**

William Arnott, Gayle Dana, Eric Fujita, Paul Neeley

##### **10 years**

Domagoj Podnar, Curtis Walker

#### Environmental Protection Agency

##### **20 years**

Scott Faller

#### Los Alamos National Laboratory

##### **10 years**

Douglas Weaver

##### **5 years**

Nathanael Farnham, Scott Traeger

#### National Nuclear Security Administration

##### **35 years**

Catherine Morris

##### **30 years**

Jerald Bond, Stephen Mellington, May Pinion

##### **20 years**

Robert Brock

##### **15 years**

Cheryl Landholm

##### **10 years**

Eric Amarescu

#### National Security Technologies, LLC

##### **35 years**

Deborah Balch

##### **30 years**

James Walker

### **15 years**

Michael Adkins, Vernon Nicholas

### **10 years**

Stanley Benson, Donald Cox, Glen Frost, John Gerard, Mark Wyatt

### **5 years**

Eugene Anderson, Christer Backlund, David Bilir, Janet Bradley, Jason Brown, Christopher Childers, Frank Christian, Gay Grimes, Rozenda Hailey, Stephen Magdelinic, David Nacht, Colin Okada, Donald Pellinen, Kenneth Platzkow, Mark Shaw, Manuel Sifuentes, Julian Smith, Susan Spicer, Ricky Staley, Francine Thomas, Lynn Tiernan, Mario Vasquez

### **Ruckman Associates Inc.**

#### **20 years**

Ron Thomas

### **WSI**

#### **20 years**

John Whitney

### **5 years**

Levar R. Bell, Mark S. Caudillo, Lance A. Cinko, Melissa A. Cousins, Cedric R. Davis, David W. Elmore

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### January 21

Federal offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

### February 26, 2008

NTS Public Tour that includes Sedan Crater, Icecap and T-1 Training Area, Bilby Crater, Area 5 Low-level Radioactive Waste Management Site, and Apple II houses. Contact **Brenda Carter, NSTec**, at (702) 295-0944. Tours are booked on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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## Acronyms

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The following acronyms appear frequently in *SiteLines*:

<b>BEEF</b>	Big Explosives Experimental Facility
<b>CTOS</b>	Counter Terrorism Operations Support
<b>DAF</b>	Device Assembly Facility
<b>DOE</b>	Department of Energy
<b>EM</b>	Emergency Management
<b>EM</b>	Environmental Management
<b>ES&amp;H</b>	Environment, Safety, and Health
<b>FRMAC</b>	Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center
<b>JASPER</b>	Joint Actinide Shock Physics Experimental Research (gas gun)
<b>LANL</b>	Los Alamos National Laboratory
<b>LLNL</b>	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
<b>NNSA</b>	National Nuclear Security Administration
<b>NSO</b>	Nevada Site Office
<b>NSTec</b>	National Security Technologies, LLC
<b>NTS</b>	Nevada Test Site
<b>PIP</b>	Process Improvement Project
<b>R-MAD</b>	Reactor Maintenance, Assembly, and Disassembly Facility
<b>RSL-A</b>	Remote Sensing Laboratory - Andrews
<b>RSL-N</b>	Remote Sensing Laboratory - Nellis
<b>SC</b>	NNSA Service Center
<b>SCE</b>	Subcritical Experiment
<b>SNJV</b>	Stoller-Navarro Joint Venture
<b>SNL</b>	Sandia National Laboratories
<b>STL</b>	Special Technologies Laboratory
<b>WSI-NV</b>	Wackenhut Services Inc. - Nevada

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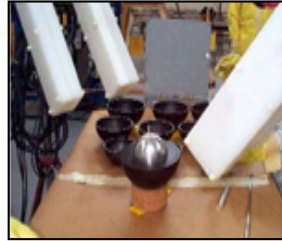
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## A very productive year...



*The DAF is being modified to accept four criticality assembly machines as part of the Criticality Experiments Facility. There are four CEF critical assemblies (similar to the one pictured above) Planet, Flattop, Comet, and Godiva, which will reside at the DAF.*



*Under the NSTec AMSI program, and in conjunction with Burge Environmental in Tempe, Ariz., a system was developed to monitor environmental contaminants in the field, specifically the hexavalent chromium discharge into the Columbia River in Washington State.*



*Technicians prepare a dynamic plutonium experiment, named Thermos, at the U1a facility 1,000 feet underground at the NTS. The Thermos experiments were designed to study damage to plutonium under dynamic loading conditions. Twelve Thermos experiments were conducted from February through May 2007.*



*During Sensitive Assignment Specialist Refresher Training, a WSI security police officer engages a hostile threat target to cover the advance of his team members.*

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## A very productive year (continued)...



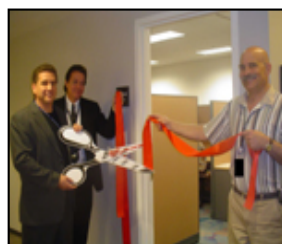
*In early August, 56 members and staff from the Nuclear Weapons Council visited the Nevada Test Site and the Remote Sensing Laboratory. This visit was part of a round-robin tour of the nuclear weapons facilities around the United States.*



*Despite the clear and sunny day, WSI Security Police Officer, Le Ann Dahl remains diligent in her duties at the entrance to the NTS.*



*From left to right, Al Avelar, Dale McCannon, Mike McRory, Tim Manchego, all NSTec, compose the crew that replaced the worn out stairway at the Brock Mountain site in Tonopah. The work took two weeks to perform and the crew stayed in Tonopah for the duration of the project.*



*Steve Lawrence, NNSA/NSO; Art Walker, CMI; and Brian Barbato, NSTec;*

*officially open the new Joint Information Center/Audit Center at the Nevada Support Facility with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.*

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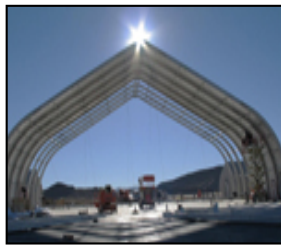
The NSTec Internal Audit (IA) Team completed the FY07 Audit Plan despite the fact that there were only two auditors on staff – each with less than a year of service to NSTec. However, the Herculean efforts of the IA staff paid off: IA issued its last two Audit Reports on 28 September 2007, completing its FY07 Plan. To celebrate its success and welcome new staff members, the IA staff spent a day at the Valley of Fire. Pictured from top: Lauren Deck, Donna Kelsey, and Roberta Albritton.



The WSI-NV Protective Force Training Academy hosted the Nevada Site Office Manager and FBI, Special Agent in Charge of the Las Vegas Field Office on November 28, 2007. Scott Damron briefs distinguished guests on the weaponry and capabilities of the NTS Protective Force.



WSI Special Response Team Instructors practice their room entry techniques before providing instruction to candidate students during the NTS Special Response Team Basic Qualification Course. The room is filled with smoke following deployment of a distraction device just prior room entry. This demonstrates the fog of battle experienced when the threat scenario is real.



*The Yucca Lake Airfield expansion experienced great progress in 2007.*

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## A very productive year (continued)...



*In February, Reno High School Team A prevailed over 31 other high school teams from California, Nevada, and Utah at the 16th Annual DOE Nevada Regional Science Bowl.*



*In addition to the six other locations that the display has been put on view this year, the Operation Clean Desert exhibit helps celebrate Nevada Day at the Atomic Testing Museum on October 26, 2007.*



*In Area 11 at the Nevada Test Site, an Industrial Sites project worker verifies no liquid is contained in a water tank located at the Tweezer Facility in preparation for its disposal. The Industrial Sites Sub-Project activities focus on the characterization and applicable corrective actions for contaminated industrial site locations on the Nevada Test Site and the Tonopah Test Range.*



*A vent is installed in an oversized box containing transuranic waste to release filtered gases before workers cut open the boxes. The installation of vents into 46 oversized boxes was accomplished during fiscal year 2007 in preparation for characterizing and repackaging the contents of the boxes.*

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## TOPOFF 4

Top Officials 4 (TOPOFF 4) was the nation's premier terrorism preparedness exercise, involving top officials at every level of government, as well as representatives from the international community and private sector. Taking place October 15-19, 2007, TOPOFF featured thousands of federal, state, territorial, and local officials engaged in various activities as part of a full-scale simulated response to a multi-faceted threat.

As part of the National Emergency Response mobilized during TOPOFF, the Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC) mobilized out of the Remote Sensing Laboratory-Nellis. FRMAC provided operational and logistical management focused on radiological consequence management during the exercise.



*Dave Bowman, Consequence Management Program Manager at NA-42 (left); and Roger Thompson National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office (right); explain the paperless FRMAC database display and a map of plotted exercise field measurements to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff (center).*



*Ken Crow, NSTec (left), and an Oregon State representative (right) support field monitoring during the exercise. Ken's tablet is field data communication with the paperless FRMAC.*



Admiral Joseph Krol, NNSA Associate Administrator of the Office of Emergency Operations (left) discusses emergency response plans with Steve Buntman, Exercise Program Manager NA-42 (center); Cyle Iverson NNSA/NSO; and Don Van Etten, NSTec.



Bill Nickles (left) and Ron Wells (right), both with NSTec, set up the Emergency Communications Network satellite.

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## A rewarding year...

For the second time in three years, the Aviation Program of the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) earned a prestigious Federal Small Aviation Program Award from the General Services Administration (GSA).



*Aviation Safety Award winners from RSL-Andrews are:*

*Front Row: Shawn Cadwell, Manuel Avaro, Charles Lightfoot, Leland Komich.  
Back Row: Jean Momb, Al Duncan, Jeff LeDonne, Greg Shore, Richard Fischer, Carl Jackson, Tim Rourke*



*Aviation Safety Award winners from RSL-Nellis are:*

*Front Row: Don Smith, Billy Borden, Alan Will, Joe Keller, Kathy Banninger, Randall Whitt, Joe Ginanni, Joe Cummings, Dave Krausnick, Gary Butler, Tom Selfridge.  
Back Row: Tony Shoemaker, William Colucci, Ed Zachman, Dallin Wrigley, Susan Roberts, Tom McKissack, Gary Hall, Brent Park*



*For two days in June, NSTec's Mine Rescue Team (MRT) competed in the 2007 Colorado State Metal/Non Metal Mine Rescue Contest in Golden, CO. Previously categorized as novice (none of the participants had competed in any previous contests) the group was one of eight that competed. The team, which took first place in its category, included Ryan King (captain), James Lujan, Jeff*

Culbertson and Justin Putnam. George Hamrick attended as the team trainer and Rex Livingston served as the team coordinator. Pat O'Connell took first place in the "bench" contest and Dan Jensen took fourth place in "gas detection."



Bob Summers, director of Homeland Security and Defense Applications, recognizes Jeff LeDonne with a "Great Catch" award for exemplary safety behavior on the job.

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## A rewarding year (continued)...



*Dave Bradley, General Manager, accepts the Voluntary Protection Program STAR award on behalf of the WSI Nevada Team from NSO Manager, Jerry Talbot. This is the seventh consecutive year WSI has received this award.*



*Wayne Morris of the Security Office awards Carol Tuzinski for her quick actions to report suspicious looking individuals to the proper authorities.*



*STL Director Michael Martinez, giving Richard Lynn (founder of STL), STL's a new annual award, the "Richard Lynn Director's Award" which will be given each year for exceptional contributions and leadership to STL.*



*From left to right: Jeff Wojcik, Al Avelar, Joe Smith, Clint Walker, Nikkie Albright, Wendy Shumate, Billy Ramsey, Dan Romero, Al Bernard, Fred Tayam, Silas Dominguez, Tim Manchego, Tom Bixby, and Dale McCannon.*



*Certificates of appreciation were awarded to this NSTec crew directly involved in the NTS, WSI, Saenz Shootouse dedication.*

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## A rewarding year (continued)...



*John Lenz, security guard at STL, received an award from STL for noticing a suspicious person in the STL parking lot. He called police and the person was arrested.*



*In September, performance given to the STL Non-traditional Tagging, Tracking and Locating system team:*

*Left to right: Project Manager Dale Turley, Aurora Santillan, Greg Macrum, Ian Bortins, Eliseo Pizano, Mike Celmins, Mike Grover, Eric Larson, Roger Bernal.*



*Darrel McPherson (left) NNSA/NSO, is presented the Department of Defense Freedom Eagle award by Special Agent Ray Caldron, FBI; for his years of security support to Department of Defense special projects.*



*Other awardees were Tom Bixby (left) NSTec, zone one maintenance.*



*Bob Summers presents Fred Wilms, both NSTec, an award for his outstanding contribution involving a volunteer field deployment in which he brought exceptional expertise to successfully accomplish a mission in support of the global war on terror. Fred also received a prestigious National Award at a ceremony in Washington D.C. in recognition of his outstanding contribution to our country.*

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## A rewarding year (continued)...



In 2007, the Defense Programs Awards of Excellence were presented to employees whose achievements had a significant positive impact on the Stockpile Stewardship Program.

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Individual/Team Representative: Ron L. Alderson  
 Team Name: UNICORN Subcritical Experiment - Ron L. Alderson  
 Individual/Team Representative: Ron L. Alderson  
 Team Name: Security for the Sub-Critical Experiments at the NTS  
 Team Representative: Stephen Scott

### National Security Technologies LLC

Team Name: Material Control and Accountability (MC&A)  
 Individual/Team Representative: Geneva L. Johnson  
 Team Name: CVR Linear Optical Transmitter Team  
 Team Representative: Lawrence C. Woo  
 Team Name: JASPER Photonic Doppler Velocimetry Team  
 Team Representative: Richard D. Clough  
 Team Name: Unicorn Pin Diagnostic Recording Station Team  
 Team Representative: Russell A. Howe  
 Team Name: Unicorn Downhole TIM Data Recovery Team  
 Team Representative: James E. Gatling, Jr.  
 Team Name: Yucca Mountain Project Aerial Survey Team  
 Team Representative: Courtney Brown  
 Team Name: NASA Pluto-New Horizons Launch Support Team  
 Team Representative: Courtney M. Brown  
 Team Name: Tonopah Test Range Survey Team  
 Team Representative: Craig L. Lyons

### Wackenhut Services, Incorporated

Team Name: Training Division, WSI Nevada Team  
 Team Representative: Captain Mark O. Herrin  
 Team Name: Physical Fitness Section  
 Team Representative: O. Spencer Bush  
 Team Name: Security Access Control Section  
 Team Representative: Kimberly M. Clark  
 Team Name: Protective Force Division, WSI Nevada Team  
 Team Representative: Major Gregory L. Stukes  
 Team Name: OPSEC/Security Awareness Section  
 Team Representative: Wayne J. Morris

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## A compassionate year...



*NSTec representatives Mitzi Sears (second from left) and Davey Matthews (right) present Principal Joe Peters and eighth grade science teacher Jan Batchelder with a \$20,000 check at Rosemary Clarke Middle School. Currently, the school, which has more than a thousand students in grades 4-8, is the first school in the state of Nevada to get "PITSCO" modules, developed by a company of the same name that provides science and technology products and resources for teachers and students.*



*WSI Nevada Team members, Candace Dahlstedt and Linda Hines, collect pajamas to benefit the annual DJs for PJs event held each April.*



*Genevieve Hines, Pat Jimenez, Paul Prunier and Edith Avila display a handful of the items collected for Quannah McCall Elementary School during the Back-to-School Supplies drive in August*

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## A compassionate year (continued)...



*As part of a complex-wide effort to benefit our focus schools, NSTec and NSO employees showed great generosity during the Kit Carson Food Drive. Employees donated seven boxes of non-perishable items and \$480 in Albertson's Grocery Store gift cards. Five organizations sponsored complete Thanksgiving holiday meal baskets for the Kit Carson Elementary School students whose families were most in need.*



*In November, Michael Robinson, Captain Bruce Radel, Jan Penny and Robert Pelayo of the WSI Nevada Team deliver food items to Quannah McCall Elementary School to help families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday season.*



*NTS Fire and Rescue firefighters use a pumpkin-like, 5,000-gallon water dip tank to provide water for Desert Bighorn Sheep suffering from drought effects at the NTS. By the end of the day, almost 8,000 gallons of water was airlifted during 43 roundtrip flights. The Desert Big Horn Sheep got much-needed water and the firefighters and pilot exercised their wildland firefighting skills.*

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## Remembering our co-workers



*Family and friends of Carlos N. Saenz join his wife, son, parents and siblings at the WSI Training Academy to dedicate the Live Fire Shoot House in honor of his memory. Carlos was killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.*



*Carlos' son Juan, mother Joaquina, wife Nanette, and father Jose are escorted by WSI General Manager, David Bradley as they view the memorial plaque placed at the Live Fire Shoot House in honor of Carlos N. Saenz.*

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## Remembering our co-workers (continued)

### Remembering our co-workers who served active military service in 2007:

#### National Security Technologies LLC

Mary Johnson Meyer  
Jennifer Rolls  
Justin Ruby  
Robert Sandoval  
Kyle R Stoney

#### WSI

Corey Adkins  
John Tome  
Darren Vick

### Retirements in 2007

Dennis Banto	William Kuhlow	Edwin Cox	Michael Ruggiero
Judith Bush	Cletus Pierce	Max Davis	Robert Skier
Bette Culver	Rudolf Rehfeld	Florenio DeLuna	Betty Strickland
Ellen Parchim	Scott Richardson	Scotty Ellison	Douglas Tichenor
Gloria Smith	Rex Sommers	Dennis Farmer	Kathryn Umbarger
Max Dolenc	Donald Peterson	Freya Hay	Paul Wargo
Mark Koeller	Maxwell Taylor	Leslie Michael Horn	Ronald Chaney
Lilyann Moorel	Paul Wargo	Emilie Irvine	Richard Sam Day
Cletus Pierce	Richard Amberg	Donald James	Ronald Hansen
Larry Rose	JoAnn Beall	Richard Levy	Charles Meyer
John Ross	James Benetti	Albert Moeller	Charles Schaefer
Liberato Sandoval	Edith Boyd	Terry Mouck	Don Walker
Maxwell Taylor	Gail Cohn	Priscilla Royer	Charles Garrett

### In memory of those we lost in 2007

Michael Carlisle  
Jennifer "Kandi" Jefferson  
Betty Elliott  
Malcolm Kennedy  
Mary Shafer-Lutz  
Charles Lytle

David Newsom  
Edward Weaver  
Henry Buckley  
Peggy Crenshaw  
William Hacker

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## And everything else



*Sam Kilpatrick, NSTec, captured this snow scene in Area 6 at the NTS.*



*Wild horses at the Area 18 Castle Rock Substation Construction Project allowed Stephen Bunker a close-up.*



*Yucca Lady, a World War II Boeing-17G Flying Fortress was flown to the Nevada Test Site in 1952, where she was instrumented and subjected to three atmospheric nuclear tests as part of Operation Tumbler-Snapper. At the end of the test program, the aircraft was declared scrap but salvaged and restored and now tours the U.S.*



*Jim Catlin (NSTec) and Christine Eppley (NVIC) look on as the resurrected Yucca Lady prepares to take off from North Las Vegas airport in April.*

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