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SECTION 3161 ANNOUNCEMENT: Possible Workforce Restructuring at the Nevada Test Site and Its Satellite Facilities Announced

The Department of Energy (DOE), the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), and NNSA's Nevada Site Office (NSO) today announced that they have begun work on a draft workforce restructuring plan (Plan). The draft Plan, being developed consistent with Section 3161 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, is required whenever workforce restructuring may occur at a DOE defense nuclear facility. The Section 3161 Plan will mitigate the impact of any potential workforce reductions among employees at the Nevada Test Site, its satellite facilities, and the surrounding communities, and will be developed in consultation with affected stakeholders. It will set forth the Department's approach for responding to the changing missions and contractor structure at the Nevada Test Site and its satellite facilities for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2007 and beyond. The draft Plan is available on the NSO website (www.nv.doe.gov) for public comment through October 3, 2007. The draft Plan will be finalized at the end of the stakeholder comment period. Comments on the draft plan may be submitted electronically to <u>3161PlanComments@nv.doe.gov</u>.

National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec), the management and operating contractor for the Nevada Test Site and its satellite facilities, is also evaluating options for restructuring its work force, should restructuring be necessary. The action is part of NSTec's ongoing assessment of the skills mix of the current work force in comparison to the skills mix necessary to carry out current and future missions.

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