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NNSA Releases Environmental Monitoring Report

No airborne or groundwater radioactivity from the Nevada Test Site was detected offsite in calendar year 2003. This is the assessment of the *Nevada Test Site Environmental Report for Calendar Year 2003*, released by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Nevada Site Office. The report includes monitoring conducted by Bechtel Nevada, the management and operations contractor at the test site, and the Community Environmental Monitoring Program under the direction of the Desert Research Institute of the University and College System of Nevada.

Bruce Hurley, Nevada Site Office environmental monitoring program manager, noted the environmental monitoring results are evidence that activities at the Nevada Test Site are being conducted in an environmentally sound manner.

Off-site monitoring is conducted by the Community Environmental Monitoring Program composed of 26 monitoring stations surrounding the Nevada Test Site. The emphasis of the program is to monitor airborne radioactivity and weather conditions and make the results available to the public. Each station is operated by local citizens, including science teachers, farmers, and ranchers, trained to independently verify the results of the monitoring. The monitors are knowledgeable on subjects ranging from radiation detection to identifying environmental concerns for people in their communities. Visit <http://www.cemp.dri.edu/cemp.html> for more information on the monitoring program.

The report is available in the NNSA's Public Reading Facility located at 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV, as well as on the Nevada Site Office's Web site at <http://www.nv.doe.gov>.