



## Nevada Site Office News

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### **NNSA Withdraws FONSI for Divine Strake Experiment**

The Nevada Site Office of the National Nuclear Security Administration will withdraw its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) related to the environmental assessment for the “*Large-Scale, Open-Air Explosive Detonation DIVINE STRAKE at the Nevada Test Site*” (May 2006).

This action is being taken to clarify and provide further information regarding background levels of radiation from global fallout in the vicinity of the Divine Strake experiment. Atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons by several countries in the 1950s and 1960s resulted in the dispersion of radioactive fallout throughout the northern hemisphere. The efforts of the Nevada Site Office are focused on explaining, in a means clearly understandable to all, what background radiation from this fallout means with respect to the contemplated DIVINE STRAKE experiment.

As a result of this action by the Nevada Site Office, the DIVINE STRAKE experiment will be delayed. As the site office determines the appropriate steps that will address stakeholder questions in regard to background levels of radiation, NNSA will determine how best to proceed.