



## *Nevada Site Office News*

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### **Las Vegas Named Safety Professional of the Year**

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has announced its Federal Safety Professional of the Year for 2008. NNSA Administrator Thomas P. D'Agostino named Xavier F. Aponte of the NNSA Nevada Site Office (NSO) as the agency's overall Federal Safety Professional.

Aponte serves as the NSO Functional Area Representative for Electrical Safety. In making the announcement Mr. D'Agostino stated, "Xavier has demonstrated outstanding leadership, oversight and skill in implementing effective electrical safety programs at the Nevada Test Site. He has developed and implemented improved oversight procedures for Facility Representatives and increased the participation of Safety and Health subject matter experts in focused walk throughs' and electrical safety training."

Aponte received recognition for his outstanding expertise and contributions as a member of the Department of Energy (DOE) Hoisting and Rigging Technical Advisory Committee, the DOE Construction Safety Advisory Committee and the DOE Voluntary Protection Program Steering Committee.

Aponte has been a Safety Engineer with the NSO for the past four years. His federal career began with the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

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