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Nevada Site Office Issues Report on Nevada Test Site Radioactive Waste Shipments

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has just released an annual report summarizing routing information on low-level waste (LLW) and mixed low-level waste (MLLW) shipments to and from the Nevada Test Site Radioactive Waste Management Sites (RWMS). Summaries provided in the report include the origin of, and carriers for, LLW and MLLW shipments to or from the NTS; the number and volume of LLW and MLLW shipments; the identification of highway routes used by carriers; and incident/accident data applicable to LLW and MLLW inbound shipments.

Frank Di Sanza, Waste Management Federal Project Director and Acting Transportation Program Director, says the DOE strives to ensure safe and compliant transportation of LLW and MLLW shipments. "To make sure we accept and dispose waste in a safe manner, we work very hard to ensure that waste arriving at the NTS meets all waste acceptance criteria," says Di Sanza.

Various highlights of information in the report include the following:

- A total of 134 MLLW inbound/off-site shipments were received at the NTS in fiscal year (FY) 2007, from seven approved generators, totaling 140,144 cubic feet. These shipments were transported on nine approved motor carriers.
- A total of 734,047 cubic feet of LLW was disposed at the disposal facility in FY 2007, consisting of 1,002 inbound/off-site shipments, from 16 approved generators. These shipments were transported on 15 motor carriers.
- Two approved on-site generators disposed 59,469 cubic feet of LLW in 110 shipments during FY 2007.
- 20 on-site transfers accounted for 10,169 cubic feet of MLLW being disposed by two on-site generators in FY 2007.
- 17 out-of-state approved generators shipped LLW and MLLW to the NTS for disposal in FY 2007.
- No Transuranic waste shipments were made from the NTS to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (near Carlsbad, NM) in FY 2007.

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For complete and detailed information, you may review the entire report online at <http://www.nv.doe.gov/library/publications/environmental.aspx> or in person by visiting the DOE National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office Public Reading Facility located at 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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