



## Nevada Site Office News

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### **National Nuclear Security Administration Releases Environmental Monitoring Report**

No groundwater or airborne radioactivity from current Nevada Test Site operations was detected off-site in calendar year 2007. This is the assessment of the *Nevada Test Site Annual Site Environmental Report 2007*, released by the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO). The report includes monitoring conducted by National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec), the management and operations contractor at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), and the Community Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP) under the direction of the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Off-site groundwater monitoring is conducted by NSTec and the CEMP. NSTec monitored 14 off-site groundwater wells and four off-site springs, and the CEMP monitored 21 wells, four springs, and three surface waters.

Off-site air monitoring is conducted by the CEMP composed of 29 air sampling stations surrounding the NTS. 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.

Bruce Hurley, NNSA/NSO Environmental Monitoring Program Manager, noted “The environmental monitoring results continue to confirm that activities on the NTS are being conducted in a manner that safeguards workers, the environment, and the public.” Mr. Hurley added “In addition to radiological results, air and water quality samples confirm that no hazardous constituents were released off the NTS.”

The report is available in the NNSA/NSO Public Reading Facility, located at 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as on the NNSA/NSO website at <http://www.nv.doe.gov>.