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Nevada Test Site Releases Draft Supplement Analysis To Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Comment

The National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO) has prepared a Draft Supplement Analysis to the Nevada Test Site Environmental Impact Statement (NTS EIS). The supplement analysis process evaluates whether the NTS EIS continues to adequately address the environmental impacts of ongoing NTS activities as well as those contemplated over the next five years. The Draft Supplement Analysis is now available for review and comment by the public.

The Draft Supplement Analysis is available on the NNSA/NSO website (www.nv.doe.gov) or by writing to the address below or by sending electronic mail to nts-sa@nv.doe.gov. The document is also available at the NNSA/NSO public reading room located at 755 E. Flamingo, Las Vegas, Nevada, and at the public libraries in the following communities: Carson City, Fallon, Tonopah, Beatty, Caliente, and Pahrump, Nevada and St. George, Utah.

The NNSA/NSO published the NTS EIS in October 1996 and issued a Record of Decision in December 1996. The NTS EIS addresses the potential impacts of work at the NTS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Agency NEPA implementing procedures require site-wide EIS's to be reviewed every five years to determine if they continue to adequately address the environmental impacts of activities at the relevant site or facility. The results of the evaluation are documented in a supplement analysis. The first Supplement Analysis to the NTS EIS was completed in 2002.

The current Draft Supplement Analysis to the NTS EIS documents the second five-year review of the NTS EIS. The document encompasses ongoing and reasonably expected work for the next five years for NNSA/NSO sites in Nevada since the 1996 Record of Decision.

The supplement analysis process serves as the basis for one of three determinations by NNSA: 1) the existing NTS EIS remains adequate, 2) the existing site-wide EIS should be supplemented, or 3) a new site-wide EIS should be prepared.

The public comment period for the Supplement Analysis is open until 4:00 p.m. (PDT) May 30, 2008. The public can comment in a number of ways. First, comments can be submitted in writing to:

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Second, comments can be submitted by electronic mail to nts-sa@nv.doe.gov, and third Comments can be made at three public meetings. These meetings are scheduled for:

Monday, May 5, 2008	Tuesday, May 6, 2008	Wednesday, May 7, 2008
Pahrump, Nevada	Las Vegas, Nevada	St. George, Utah
Bob Ruud Community Center	Atomic Testing Museum	The Dixie Center – Ballrooms A/B
150 North Highway 160	755 East Flamingo Road	1835 South Convention Center Drive
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.	2 p.m. – 8 p.m.	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Following the comment period, NNSA/NSO will revise the Supplement Analysis in response to comments received, as appropriate. The Final Supplement Analysis is expected to be completed by September 30, 2008, at which time NNSA/NSO will make one of the three determinations as outlined above.