

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC OUTREACH



Nevada Site Office

Environmental Management

Environmental Management (EM) was established in 1989 to assess the impacts of historic nuclear weapons research and testing at the Nevada Test Site (now known as the Nevada National Security Site). This program, conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office, must also explore strategies for restoring contaminated sites while implementing safe, responsible methods for disposing waste.

Keeping affected communities informed about these activities has been, and continues to be, an integral part of the EM philosophy. The

EM Team, therefore, has created a number of outreach resources, including learning materials for children, that illustrate in detail what this important EM work means for the Nevada National Security Site and surrounding communities.



EM Responsibilities

The following is an overview of responsibilities that fall under the purview of EM:

- Groundwater, soil, and on-site infrastructure contamination resulting from historic nuclear testing at the Nevada National Security Site and on the Nevada Test and Training Range, including the Tonopah Test Range
- Environmental planning, compliance and monitoring at the Nevada National Security Site
- Radioactive and hazardous waste management and disposal generated by cleanup activities on the Nevada National Security Site, Nevada Test and Training Range and other DOE and U.S. Department of Defense sites across the United States

All activities must be completed in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.



Educational Outreach

Speakers Bureau

Nevada Site Office representatives are available to give presentations at schools, for groups or organizations, and during other community events.



Operation Clean Desert

Operation Clean Desert is a set of activities following the adventures of Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom as they learn about the Nevada National Security Site. The Operation Clean Desert learning adventure teaches children about different environmental concerns such as groundwater and waste disposal. The available items include a display, interactive computer game, activity book and lesson plan with worksheet.

Informational Tools

Publications

Informational materials are available to the public in the form of fact sheets, newsletters, brochures, reports and documents that cover an array of information specific to EM activities.



Exhibits

EM can provide displays for a wide variety of community events and public meetings throughout Nevada. These exhibits and displays provide an opportunity to interact with the community and answer questions one-on-one. The exhibits feature environmentally-focused handouts, displays, posters, and video screenings. Displays can be used at conferences, school events, public meetings, libraries, science fairs, and other special events.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) is comprised of volunteer citizens representing diverse Nevada perspectives which include rural and urban areas. Current NSSAB members are from Las Vegas, Henderson, Pahrump, Amargosa Valley, and Beatty. NSSAB members study EM activities and provide stakeholder feedback and recommendations. The NSSAB meets on a regular basis and meetings are open to the public. For more information visit www.nv.energy.gov/nssab

The public is invited to visit:
Nuclear Testing Archive
755 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8521

Nevada State Library and Archives
100 Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4285

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