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NNSA DEFENSE PROGRAMS ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY AWARDS

LAS VEGAS, NV – The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has announced that Richard Fischer and Roger Thompson, both employees of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), are recipients of the Defense Programs' Employee of the Quarter Awards. Recipients of the awards are recognized for going beyond the call of duty in supporting the mission of NNSA's Defense Programs.

Roger Thompson, Emergency Response team leader for the Nevada Site Office's Emergency Response Assets, was recognized for his efforts in leading radiological support during the nuclear reactor crisis in Japan. From March through May 2011, the Aerial Measuring System and the Consequence Management assets of the Emergency Response Programs deployed to perform radiological mapping following the Fukushima Power Plant meltdown in northeastern Japan.

Thompson was the Deputy Senior Energy Official for two three-week tours overseas and served as the Federal Team Lead for the Consequence Management Home Team. His leadership and technical expertise contributed significantly to the success of the mission. The results of the response received accolades from the White House and other agencies in the U.S. government as well as appreciation from the Japanese government and people.

Richard Fischer, the Remote Sensing Laboratory (RSL)-Andrews Air Force Base Aviation section manager, was recognized for making profound improvements in his department over the past two years. An employee of National Security Technologies, the management and operating contractor for the NNSS, Fischer was recognized for his leadership in promoting, instilling, cultivating and proliferating a safety culture that exemplifies the Integrated Safety Management System.

Fischer implemented the U.S. Department of Energy International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations program at RSL-Andrews. His managerial skills promoted the efficient use of resources, professional and personal development, teamwork, and a safe working environment.

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“Each day I am in awe of the work done by the dedicated men and women of NNSA. The Defense Programs’ Employee of the Quarter Awards recognize the commitment to improving the way we do business by those who lead by example,” said Don Cook, NNSA’s deputy administrator for Defense Programs. “NNSA is fortunate to have talented and dedicated professionals who are truly leaders in their fields working to promote our nuclear security mission.”

Each quarter, the NNSA names contractor and Federal employees for the awards. The selection of the recipients is determined at each site following its own specific criteria.

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