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Nevada Site Office Invites Public to Participate in Draft Nevada National Security Site Environmental Impact Statement Hearings

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office is holding a series of public hearings in September 2011 to discuss the *Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) and Off-Site Locations in Nevada*. These meetings are part of an official public comment period that spans from July 29 through October 27, 2011.

Five public meetings, each consisting of an open house from 5-8pm and a formal public hearing from 6:30-8pm, will be held on the following dates at these locations:

September 20, 2011

Cashman Center
850 Las Vegas Blvd. North
Las Vegas, NV 89101

September 21, 2011

Pahrump Nugget
681 South Hwy. 160
Pahrump, NV 89048

September 22, 2011

Courtyard by Marriott
185 S. 1470 East
St. George, UT 84790

September 27, 2011

Convention Center
301 Brougher Ave.
Tonopah, NV 89049

September 28, 2011

Carson Nugget
507 North Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

These meetings will provide attendees the opportunity to view a number of posters describing the draft SWEIS, which is an in-depth analysis of how current and potential missions at the NNSS (formerly the Nevada Test Site) and related off-site locations may affect the environment over the next ten years. In addition, open house participants will have the chance to speak one-on-one with subject matter experts about the preparation and purview of the draft SWEIS, and receive detailed explanations about the document's findings.

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Public comments related to the draft SWEIS will be accepted via a stenographer during the open house portion of the meeting as well as taken publicly during the formal hearing segment. These comments will be considered when preparing the final SWEIS, expected for completion in mid-2012.

Federal regulations require DOE sites, like the NNSS, to periodically develop Environmental Impact Statements that examine how their activities could potentially affect resources like soil, groundwater, plants, animals, as well as the status of nearby communities. The analysis must explore these impacts in the context of several reasonable scenarios, or alternatives.

Further information on the draft SWEIS can be acquired at www.nv.energy.gov/sweis or by calling 877-781-6105. Additionally, the public can access and provide comments on the draft SWEIS document via the email address and telephone number provided above.

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