Nevada Site Office Receives Conditional Approval for Permit

The State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) issued conditional approval on December 17, 2009 for a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit which will allow for the construction and operation of a new <u>mixed waste disposal cell</u> at the Nevada Test Site. NDEP will issue full approval after the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office submits final design drawings and provides satisfactory clarification to NDEP's comments on the permit application.

The Nevada Site Office plans to fulfill these conditions by June in anticipation of NDEP issuing the final permit in July 2010. Upon receipt of the final permit, the Nevada Site Office will proceed with construction of the cell which is scheduled for completion and receipt of waste in February 2011.

Last year, the Nevada Site Office accepted comments from the public regarding this application through September 15; including during a public meeting in Pahrump, NV on September 2. Additionally, NDEP solicited public comments from October 28 – December 11.

To learn more about the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit submittal process and the planned construction of the new mixed waste disposal unit at the Nevada Test Site visit http://www.nv.doe.gov/emprograms/environment/wastemanagement/pdfs/OpenHousePosters.pdf.

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