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Three National Aviation Awards for the NNSA Nevada Site Office

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today congratulated the Nevada Site Office (NSO) Aviation Program for receiving three awards from the Headquarters (HQ) Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Aviation Management (OAM).

William "Doug" Barrick II, the Nevada Site Office's aviation manager, received the 2010 DOE Federal Aviation Management Professional Award. Captain Thomas M. McKissack, a pilot for the Remote Sensing Laboratory at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, received the 2010 John Cooley Aviation Operations/Support Professional Memorial Award. Captain Timothy J. Rourke, a pilot for the Remote Sensing Laboratory at Andrews Air Force Base, received the Aviation Safety Professional Award.

"The recipients of this year's DOE aviation awards highlight the commitment to excellence that exists across the national nuclear security enterprise," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino. "As we work together to improve the way we do business and implement the President's nuclear security agenda, it is rewarding to work with people who continue to excel. These awards are a tribute to the outstanding work of the individuals who are being honored, and of the culture of safety and excellence that exists at all our sites."

Barrick was praised for applying his experience as a former Federal Aviation Administration inspector, combined with his skills as a DOE Aviation safety officer, to support the NSO Aviation Program in the design and manufacture of required modifications to their aircraft safely and efficiently.

McKissack was recognized for his leadership which directly contributed to the 100 percent compliance rating awarded to NSO/National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec) by the HQ DOE OAM audit team, confirming their flawless aviation support for the NNSA mission to provide Emergency Response assets to protect U.S. citizens from the effects of radiological events.

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Rourke's systematic approach to risk management enabled senior NSO/NSTec managers to assess the hazards of very low-level flying over congested areas, establish controls to mitigate those hazards, and to approve missions over the nation's capitol to evaluate new technical equipment for radiation detection.

DOE nominated Barrick, McKissack, and Rourke, in their respective categories for the 2010 General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Aviation Awards. GSA will honor the winners of these Government-wide aviation awards at the FedFleet Workshop in Orlando, FL, July 25-28, 2011.

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