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Yearly Environmental Monitoring Report Released

The report, *Nevada Test Site Annual Site Environmental Report for 2008*, has been released by the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office (NNSA/NSO). The report includes monitoring conducted by National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec), the management and operations contractor at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), and the Community Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP) under the direction of the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education. For calendar year 2008, the report finds no groundwater or airborne radioactivity from current Nevada Test Site operations was detected off-site.

Off-site groundwater monitoring is conducted by NSTec and the CEMP. Off-site air monitoring is conducted by the CEMP composed of 29 air sampling stations surrounding the NTS. The emphasis of the program is to monitor airborne radioactivity and weather conditions and make the results available to the public. Each station is operated by local citizens, including science teachers, farmers, and ranchers, trained to independently verify the results of the monitoring. The monitors are knowledgeable on subjects ranging from radiation detection to identifying environmental concerns for people in their communities. Visit <http://www.cemp.dri.edu/cemp.html> for more information on the monitoring program.

Pete Sanders, NNSA/NSO Environmental Monitoring Program Manager, noted “Activities and programs at the test site continue to be conducted in a manner that protects our workers, the environment, and the public.”

The report is available in the NNSA/NSO Public Reading Facility, located at 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as on the NNSA/NSO website at <http://www.nv.doe.gov>.