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WSI reaches major milestone with more than two million safe driving miles.



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Revolutionary Gemini Gives Scientists Exciting Data

By Lory Jones, *OneVoice* Editor

Scientists at National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) are excited about the Gemini subcritical experiment series they're conducting, and for good reason. Gemini diagnostics represent a fundamental advancement in

picture of materials under extreme states.

"One of the hallmarks of conducting subcritical experiments like Gemini is that it allows us to model nuclear weapon performance without actually doing underground testing. This work helps ensure that our



Gemini's advanced optical cavity probe design illustrates how a combination of lenses and mirrors can target hundreds of sampling points while materials are in motion. The "fisheye," or wide-angle, probe represents a "game changer" in the way scientists monitor the movement of an imploding surface.

how data is gathered from each experiment. That is, Gemini diagnostics measure an enormous increase in wide-ranging data - more than 100,000 times greater quantities of data than ever before. So Gemini will significantly enhance Stockpile Stewardship's mission to better understand the physics performance of a nuclear weapon.

The primary Gemini diagnostic is revolutionary and unique in two ways. First, the fisheye optical probe measures the motion of many points along the surface of test material (see photo). Second, its instrumentation system records data from a Multiplexed Photonic Doppler Velocimetry (MPDV) system, creating a comprehensive

stockpile is both safe and reliable. We want to make sure that nuclear weapons function properly as designed. Gemini provides fundamentally new data perspectives that allow computer models to do this," says James Gatling, NSTec senior principal scientist.

Twin hydrodynamic experiments under Gemini are Castor and Pollux, named after the two brightest stars in the Gemini constellation. "Castor has been the most successful hydrodynamic experiment the United States has seen in 22 years," said NSTec President Ray Juzaitis during his company conversations meeting in November. "The scientists designed these experiments

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Local Cat Coalition Tames Population Growth at NLVF

By Darwin Morgan, Nevada Site Office

It is estimated there are about 300,000 feral cats in the Las Vegas valley. At the North Las Vegas Facility (NLVF), the number of undomesticated cats is estimated at anywhere from 14 to 20. That raises the issue of how to manage the population within the complex. There are two choices available. The first is to have them trapped and turned over to animal control. Because the cats are classified as wild animals and unable to be domesticated, animal control is forced to euthanize them. The second solution was actually unknown until the son of an on-site employee brought it to light.

Rewind to January 2011. Facility Manager Renee Rowe was made aware of a program where cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and then returned to their "colony." Her research found that this more humane manner of dealing with the felines actually led to a decline in local colonies' population. "We quickly got buy-in from management to try this approach.

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Community Cat Coalition of Clark County Founder Keith Williams looks at one of the cats recently captured in the North Las Vegas complex. Captured cats are returned to the facility after vaccinations and either being spayed or neutered.

NvE Executive's Corner

Dave Taylor, General Manager, Navarro-Intera



With the New Year right around the corner, the Nevada Enterprise (NvE) team is reflecting on past accomplishments as well as looking ahead at future mission goals in national security, cleanup, waste management, stakeholder involvement, site protection and transformation initiatives.

We at Navarro-Intera are proud to lead and contribute to a number of important tasks, including the successful characterization and closure of several key historic nuclear testing areas on both the Nevada National Security Site and the Nevada Test and Training Range. This past year, we've seen significant work done at numerous former atmospheric nuclear test locations, and (working alongside National Security Technologies and other organizations) the completion of four drilling projects in Pahute Mesa and Frenchman Flat in support of ongoing groundwater modeling and characterization. To date, environmental restoration activities have taken place at nearly 1,900 contaminated industrial facilities and surface soil locations.

This work has been accomplished in an incredibly safe manner and without a lost workday case for Navarro-Intera in more than seven years. This past year alone, personnel executed work within radiological contamination areas, high contamination areas, Radioactive Material Areas, and areas that contain a high probability of Unexploded Ordinance or other potential hazards with no incidents.

Navarro-Intera's continued support of the Nevada Site-Specific Advisory Board remains an important part of our company mission as well. This year, board members completed several important milestones, including welcoming seven new members, providing recommendations on key cleanup initiatives, and helping to develop their specific fiscal year 2013 Work Plan. These community members provide an excellent independent voice into the ongoing environmental management mission at the Nevada Site Office.

As always, we at Navarro-Intera are committed to working with the entire NvE community in transforming our work practices to achieve efficiencies and cost savings, while at the same time ensuring that safety and security are never compromised.

Success in reaching these goals would not be possible without two key things:

- The amazingly talented people we work with throughout the Nevada community; and
- The strong culture we have established here to safely work together to achieve technical solutions to our national security challenges.

We appreciate the opportunities we have to contribute to the Site's mission and wish everyone a safe, happy, and secure holiday season. Please remember all of those serving abroad who are not able to be with their families. Let's all take a moment to count our many blessings.

One final note... on behalf of everyone within the Nevada community, we want to thank Steve Mellington for his outstanding contributions to the nation's security missions. Good luck and best wishes in your retirement from all of your friends!

Until next time,
Dave

Nevada National Security Site Kiosk is on the Move

By Nick Duhe, Navarro-Intera

The Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) information kiosk has been moved to its new temporary home at the Beatty Historical Museum after a successful three-month stay at the Pahrump Library.

"The Nevada Site Office (NSO) is always looking for innovative ways to communicate and inform the public about NNSS activities," said Scott Wade, assistant manager for NSO's Environmental Management. "Though this information is always available on our website, the kiosk is a mobile, user-friendly way to connect with interested community members." The goal is to move the kiosk to different locations in southern Nevada to reach as many stakeholders as possible.

"We are a little sad to see the kiosk go" said Lynne Ivy, Pahrump Library's Reference librarian. "It was heavily used by visitors of all ages at the library."

The kiosk, which is a stand-alone computer station, can now be found in an area of the Beatty Historical Museum that houses artifacts relating to historical activities at the NNSS.

Using the kiosk's simple touch screen, visitors can access information on present and future activities at the NNSS, such as environmental cleanup, groundwater characterization and radioactive waste disposal. Individuals can also get information on current national security efforts and facts on historic nuclear testing.

The NNSS information kiosk will remain at the Beatty Historical Museum



The NNSS kiosk has moved.

for three months and then move to various locations around rural Nevada. The Beatty Historical Museum is located at 417 Main St., Beatty, Nev., or you can find them on the web at: www.beattymuseum.org.

If you are interested in requesting the kiosk for your facility, please email envmgt@nnsa.doe.gov or contact the **Office of Public Affairs** at (702) 295-3521.



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Two Million Safe Miles, and Counting

By Bobby R. McGregor, Jr., WSI-Nevada

The employees of WSI-Nevada, WSI/Lockheed Martin and WSI/Pro2Serve have collectively accomplished yet another remarkable and never-before achieved milestone: two million miles driven in the performance of duty without a recordable vehicle accident. In past years, WSI has come close, achieving 1.8 and even 1.9 million miles. The mileage was reset to zero on March 19, 2011; 19 months later, in November 2012, WSI reached this goal.

This accomplishment is even more amazing since approximately 65 percent of WSI's employees are uniformed security police officers working 24 hours a day in rugged desert terrain at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), with varying climatic conditions while operating armored vehicles, pickup trucks and standard government vehicles.

This milestone speaks to the high caliber of work ethic and the safety consciousness of all of WSI's employees. They are committed to minimizing the potential for motor vehicle accidents. They make this



WSI personnel gather at the NNSS to celebrate the milestone of 2 million driving miles without an accident.

happen by following the company's active Motor Vehicle Safety Program. WSI's directives include a wide range of requirements for safe motor vehicle operations, such as prohibiting text messaging while driving and using a spotter, if available, while reversing. Additionally, WSI's security police officers are required to attend and successfully complete the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course 4 as part of their initial training.

Safety is a WSI Core Value and employees know it is everyone's responsibility. WSI consistently improves safety by applying the principles and core functions of

Integrated Safety Management, and subscribes to the Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program standards, where the company has been recognized as a STAR Site since 2001.

On Nov. 8, the employees celebrated this extraordinary success with cake and ice cream at special recognition ceremonies at the NNSS and the North Las Vegas Facility. Scott Damron, director of Security Services, thanked all employees on behalf of WSI General Manager David Bradley for their extraordinary efforts that led to this truly remarkable achievement.

"This type of success is only possible through the everyday efforts and performance excellence of our employees continuously promoting our safety conscious work environment. We are looking forward to reaching the three million mile mark in the near future," Damron said.



A separate ceremony was held at the NLVF to celebrate the milestone of 2 million driving miles without an accident.

NSTec Employees Build on Holiday Cheer at Magical Forest

By *OneVoice* Staff Reports

Turquoise, green, pink and silver brightened up National Security Technologies (NSTec's) tree, which has grown to be one of the biggest trees in the forest.



A worker hangs ornaments on the Magical Forest tree.

The colors compliment Magical Forest's theme of "Get Your Elf On!" with candy cracker garland made from recycled toilet paper rolls, hot pink tulle and oversized ornaments, and include glittery ball ornaments, snowflakes, silver bells and bejeweled icicles. The tree was complete with pink iridescent presents and candy canes at the base.

Many thanks go out to NSTec employees and their families who helped decorate the tree Nov. 3. "We had an overwhelming number of volunteers this year and appreciate all their hard work and taking the time out of their busy schedules. We hope that our tree is enjoyed by all," said Kayla Buchanan, administrative staff in Workforce Enhancement which oversees the tree decorating event.

Opportunity Village is one of Southern Nevada's largest non-profit charities dedicated to helping the intellectually disabled live normal lives. The Magical Forest is Opportunity Village's largest fundraising event. Opportunity Village is open now through Jan. 6, 2013.

NNSS Calendar of Events

Dec. 1-17:
Navarro-Intera Candlelighters
Adopt-A-Family

Dec. 5:
Toys for Tots (last collection day)

Dec. 7:
Salvation Army's "Adopt an Angel" gift drive (last collection day)

NSTec Health Assessment Risk deadline

Dec. 12:
NLVF Blood Drive

Dec. 19:
Ugly Sweater Contest

Dec. 22:
NSTec Volunteer Night at the Magical Forest

WSI's L.I.V.E. Campaign Reminds Employees to be Vigilant

By **OneVoice Staff Reports**

WSI-Nevada has been actively engaged in making its employees aware and safe in a dynamic and evolving workplace. Sadly, active shooter or hostile person violence is becoming a more pervasive and potentially deadly event that can occur anywhere or any time, at work, at home or in public spaces. These situations are often unpredictable and escalate quickly.

As a continuation of the WSI-Nevada Employee Awareness Program on Workplace Violence, the company has developed the **L.I.V.E.** campaign. **L.I.V.E.** provides employees with four easily remembered actions to take in the event of an active shooter or hostile person situation.

- **Leave:** Have an escape route and plan in mind, know the exits and leave your belongings behind
- **Invisible:** Hide in an area out of the assailant's view and block entry to your hiding place
- **Violence:** As a last resort and only when your life is in danger, use violence (fight for your life) to incapacitate the active shooter or hostile person, and leave as quickly as possible for help
- **Evade:** Evading detection is always the best option.

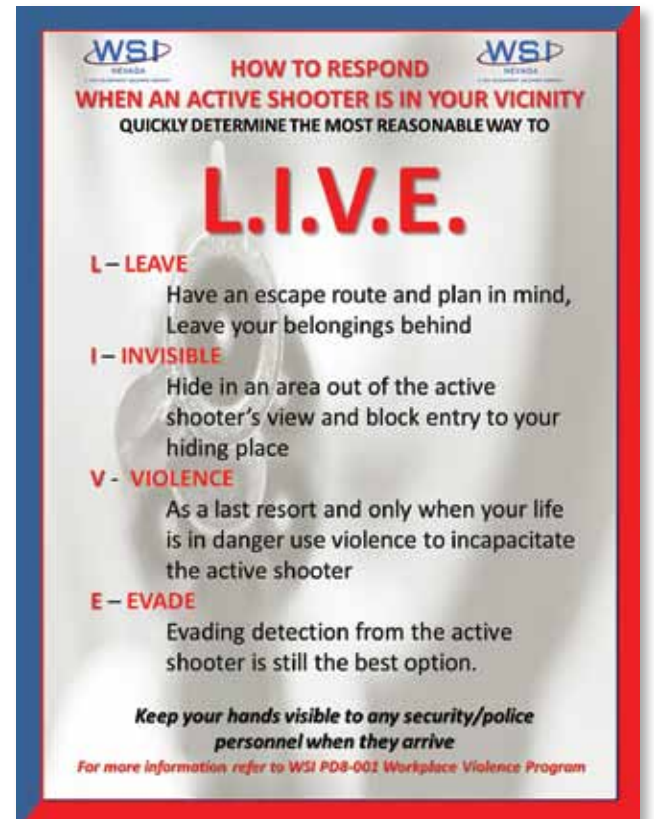
WSI-Nevada has placed large **L.I.V.E.** posters in

common areas, and all WSI-Nevada employees were provided with a small 5x7 inch **L.I.V.E.** poster and individual lanyard card. The small poster is a requirement for WSI-Nevada employees to have visible in their workstations, and they are required to affix the lanyard card to their access badge lanyard clip for immediate reference.

WSI's Emergency Management staff has spearheaded this effort and has excelled in putting this program together. They provide the **L.I.V.E.** items and assist employees in placing the posters in work areas, periodically check workstations and poll employees on their understanding of the **L.I.V.E.** Awareness Campaign. The campaign is not intended to frighten, but to educate employees and help keep them safe.

The Emergency Management staff has been and will continue to be proactive in employee awareness. They will present refresher training pertaining to employee actions if employees are ever faced with workplace violence or an active shooter.

For more information on this program, please contact WSI's **Emergency Management** staff at **(702) 295-7662**.



Local Cat Coalition

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On Super Bowl Weekend 2011, we brought in Keith Williams and his program. We were able to capture about a dozen of the nearly 30 cats that were on the campus," Rowe said.

Keith Williams, a former Nevada National Security Site employee who now runs the Community Cat Coalition of Clark County, or C5,



Two feral cats seen one evening in the North Las Vegas complex. It is estimated there are up to 20 wild cats roaming the facility.

said, "Our team has trapped nearly 110,000 cats in the valley. With the spay/neuter program and a natural cat mortality rate of 10 to 20 percent, we are seeing that the population is decreasing in a humane manner."

Williams was back trapping in the complex on a recent night. What he saw fit the mold that he's seen valley wide since he started the non-profit C5 in 2008. "With the females unable to reproduce, the males will either leave the colony or quit roaming into them, so the populations decrease. We'll find the animals we haven't captured before, get them into the program and continue to help manage your population," Williams said.

Williams trapping plan is to continue through December to catch as many cats as he can. If he finds a cat previously caught with a notch in its ear, it is released.

Williams' also offers a word of warning to employees who would think about trying to catch and domesticate one of the cats. "Up until about seven weeks of age, the cats can be domesticated. After that, they are 'imprinted' and very few if any can be tamed." Williams added they quickly shun humans and their natural "wild" side takes over.

For Rowe, a self-avowed animal lover, having C5 come into the complex is a big win. Smiling, she said, "We are able to do the right thing by these cats. In a respectful, humane manner, we are managing the cats. I couldn't be happier."

Gemini's Data

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in a predictive way. Each provides more data per event than all of the previous experiments since 1996." This month, Pollux is expected to follow Castor in meeting or exceeding scientists' expectations. "This has created a ripple in our labs," Juzaitis said.

The Gemini mission was endorsed by Don Cook, Defense Program deputy administrator at the National Nuclear Security Administration, and was implemented and conducted by LANL, Sandia National Laboratories and NSTec scientists. After the first experiment, Cook expressed that he is pleased with the scientists' data results. Cook understands that the scientific team may now look at data in ways they've never seen before: an immense volume of multi-dimensional data. Everyone is pleased with the milestone achieved to turn around the final phase of the experiment within two years.

NSTec's Defense Experimentation & Stockpile Stewardship is the first to deploy an MPDV system to capture data from a subcritical experiment. MPDV was synergistically developed just in time for Gemini's first phase, which began in early 2011.

"We're studying the nuclear weapon physics of the Gemini experiment because if we can characterize the early time behavior of a nuclear explosion, we can apply that information to computer models and predict what effects any minor changes will have in that performance," says Gatling. "We can't blow up nuclear weapons like we used to, and the data of yesterday isn't adequate to provide the needed answers, so that is why we're doing these experiments this way. Gemini increases our understanding of basic weapon physics."

NvE Top Ten for FY 13

- 1. Execute the Pollux experiment and develop an efficient and effective Dynamic Plutonium Experiments Plan for the future.**
- 2. Demonstrate Device Assembly Facility improved operations and infrastructure for execution of multiple programs/users.**
- 3. Demonstrate effective technical experimental capabilities to support national security initiatives.**
- 4. Develop a strategic path for the unique capabilities and assets of the NvE community to support national security initiatives.**
- 5. Manage and operate assets to respond to national/international nuclear emergency events.**
- 6. Support DOE Complex classified material and waste disposal needs and meet federal and state requirements for NNSA/TTR restoration.**
- 7. Lead a positive culture shift at the NvE by fostering a work environment that promotes trust, a questioning attitude and receptiveness to raising issues without fear of retaliation.**
- 8. Get the job done right the first time through effective planning, communication, coordination, and integration.**
- 9. Demonstrate the effective utilization of management assurance systems through timely risk identification, accurate reporting of performance data and reliable transparency.**
- 10. Demonstrate effective integration and coordination at all levels of NvE and with NNSA, and full alignment of efforts to seamlessly accomplish the mission and implement the OneNNSA vision.**



Ho Ho Holy Cow, Santa is a Fast Runner!

By Marc Klein, Navarro-Intera

Christmas spirit was the driving force for thousands of Santa-impersonating runners participating in the annual Las Vegas Great Santa Run on Dec. 1st. And although it wasn't a race, the joyful winner was Opportunity Village.

Runners and walkers alike were festively dressed as Santa Claus as they made their way along the five-kilometer (3.1 mile) track that wound around and through Town Square, the outdoor shopping mall just south of the Las Vegas Strip. Race enthusiasts enjoyed unseasonably nice weather and great entertainment.

Of the thousands of participants, the Nevada Enterprise had more than 60 jolly representatives,

including contractors from Navarro-Intera (Team The Fat Santas) and NSTec (Team NNSS). "I trained for the run the way I thought Santa would train...by eating cookies and drinking milk. Looking back at it now, that was probably not a good idea," joked Navarro-Intera Communications Specialist, Nick Duhe. "All kidding aside, I had a great time. It's always nice to get out there and support a great cause."

Not only did they raise a large amount of money for Opportunity Village, but the merry Santas also attempted another accomplishment: a Guinness World Record! With more than 10,000 Santa Claus participants, the 2012 Las Vegas Great Santa Run set out to establish



Navarro-Intera employees ran as the team, *The Fat Santas*.

the Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of Santas.

"This is my seventh year participating in the Las Vegas Great Santa Run, and it gets bigger and better every single year," said Senior Counterintelligence Officer (and co-captain of Team NNSS) Dennis Fulkerson. "This will also be the sixth year for my co-captain Holly Cox, administrative specialist for the CI Office."

In operation since 1954, Opportunity Village is a local not-for-profit organization that assists people with intellectual and related disabilities through programs such as vocational training and advocacy. Opportunity Village has held the Las Vegas Great Santa Run for eight years, generating thousands of dollars in donations.

For more information about Opportunity Village or the Las Vegas Great Santa Run, visit: www.opportunityvillage.org.



Thousands of Santas gather prior to the start of the run.

Scurry Makes it to the Finish Line!

By Angela Ramsey, Navarro-Intera

The Nevada National Security Site (NNSS)'s fastest tortoise finally has a name, and it's "Scurry." Scurry beat out more than 100 suggested names during a recent Nevada Site Office (NSO) Facebook competition. Second place went to "Rock Steady," with the bronze going to "Taco."



Scurry came out of his burrow for a little sunshine when researchers stopped by to check on him.

The creative force behind the name is National Security Technologies' own Patricia "Trish" Guy Cooper.

For her efforts, Trish received a gift basket and certificate from the Nevada Site Office. Nice work, Trish!

The name "Scurry" certainly fits this young but incredibly fast tortoise, who has traveled approximately six kilometers since Sept. 21, 2012, when he and 59 of his friends were moved from the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center in Las Vegas to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). Following translocation, Scurry immediately went on the move and quickly surpassed even the swiftest of his mates.

In recent weeks, Scurry and the others have finally settled down for the winter. The young tortoise set up camp at the base of a mountain, where he has remained for over three weeks. Scurry's new home is a deep burrow situated on the side of a wash — an ideal habitat for the cold months ahead.

Each week, researchers continue to visit the burrows, verifying the locations of the tortoises, recording the size and style of the burrows, and identifying the types of vegetation surrounding the burrows.

To learn more about the Scurry, visit the NSO on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/NNSANevadaSiteOffice.



Jeanette Perry of the San Diego Zoo tracks tortoises on the NNSS using a radio-transmitting system. Perry is part of a collaborative team of researchers from the Zoo, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the NNSS studying the viability of desert tortoise translocation.



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Cynthia Foster



Current Position

As a Benefits specialist of WSI-Nevada, Human Resources Department, Cynthia is responsible for administrating the Employee Insurance Benefits, Workers Compensation and Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program for all employees and their covered dependents, preparing related correspondence, documents and reports, and monitoring cost containment procedures. Cynthia ensures that work is executed in accordance with Integrated Safety Management (ISM) and Integrated Safeguards and Security Management (ISSM) functions and principles.

Notables (awards, honors, achievements, published works, etc.)

- Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award, April 19, 2012
- Award of Distinction for Outstanding Service at the Department of Energy, Nevada Site Office – Non-Exempt/Administrative Employee (various quarters) – 1999, 2005 and 2011

Education

Associates of Applied Science (Law and Social Science), Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas

Cynthia, you've been serving the Site mission for, remarkably, 28 years. Why have you stayed so long?

"Because of the people and great benefits with WSI-Nevada."

What has been your most significant contribution to your job?

"It makes me feel good when I can help employees solve problems that they may have with their doctor's office or the insurance carriers."

What do people NOT know about you (special talent, hobby, desire, etc.)?

"I love spending time with my two little Yorkies (Tyson and Maddy); they are like my little babies since my two daughters are now grown."

Favorite motivational saying?

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

What or who inspires you, and why?

"People who work for the American Red Cross really inspire me. These people pack up on a moment's notice to help others through disasters such as fires, floods, earthquakes, tornados, etc., with food, water and shelter. These people have to leave their loved ones for long stretches of time, are in harm's way themselves and work long hours. I don't feel these individuals get the full recognition that they deserve."

Andrew Burningham



Current Position

As a senior Quality Assurance specialist for NSTec's Quality Assurance (QA) Department, Andrew is responsible for performing assessments to ensure compliance and identify process improvements.

Career Path (past 10 years)

- Senior QA Specialist, Energy Solutions, Paducah, Ky. (2009 – 2011)
- QA Coordinator, Bechtel SAIC, LLC, TRW and REECo, Yucca Mountain Project (1989 – 2009)

Education

Bachelor of Arts, History, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Andrew, you're relatively new to the Site mission. Why did you join NSTec?

"After a year commuting to Paducah and eight months of unemployment, I was very grateful to get a wonderful position, doing a job I love, so close to home. Being able to work with so many friends and co-workers from my Yucca Mountain days is another big plus."

What was your first impression as a new employee?

"As a Quality Assurance professional, of course I compared the quality culture here to what I had experienced at other locations. I was appreciative of those areas that were as good as, or better, than I was used to. For those areas that could improve, I looked forward to the challenge of facilitating progress."

What do people NOT know about you (special talent, hobby, desire, etc.)?

"Those who do not attend Toastmasters may not know that I [figuratively] strap on a suit of armor and get pummeled by members of my medieval/Renaissance club. I also play a mean game of Laser Tag."

Favorite motivational saying?

"For any problem there are three solutions: Fix it if you can, accept it if you can't or remove yourself from the situation."

What or who inspires you, and why?

"Having toured Dachau concentration camp [in Germany], I am inspired by the ability of people to overcome seemingly insurmountable conditions. Knowing what other had to endure puts my day-to-day problems into perspective."



Don't Feed the Animals!

By *OneVoice* Staff Reports

First, there was one coyote, standing alone in the desert at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), looking so forlorn. How tempting it is to feed it. With food come a few more coyotes. Soon after, a pack of coyotes appears. They got the message: humans equal FOOD.

NNSS wildlife biologists have recently reported of these coyotes that, once aloof, have now become bold and a nuisance. Particularly now, when rabbits and rodents, their main food source, have decreased their activity for the winter, coyotes are on the prowl for survival.

The main areas where coyotes have appeared recently are at the Joint Actinide Shock Physics Experimental Research (JASPER) facility (in Area 27) and U1a Facility (in Area 1). Employees have reported coyotes strolling in the middle of Mercury Highway in Frenchman Flat and Yucca Flat. They have also reported that people are throwing food out of their vehicles, primarily after normal working hours. No wonder coyotes are unafraid of people and oncoming traffic.

Because the coyotes have moved in closer to

where we work, National Security Technologies (NSTec)'s Ecological and Environmental Monitoring personnel are using AirSoft replica rifles in and around these areas to scare them off. These replica rifles may look and sound like a real gun, but do not have the capacity to fire real bullets or hurt them. Environmental personnel will use the AirSoft rifle whenever there is a coyote/human safety issue.

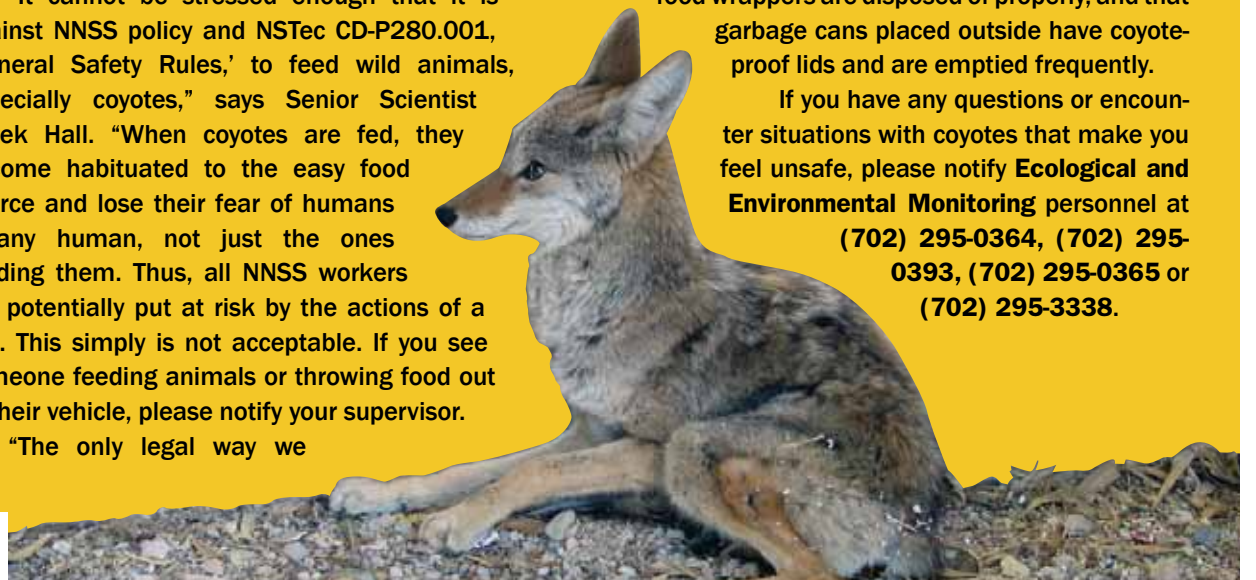
"It cannot be stressed enough that it is against NNSS policy and NSTec CD-P280.001, 'General Safety Rules,' to feed wild animals, especially coyotes," says Senior Scientist Derek Hall. "When coyotes are fed, they become habituated to the easy food source and lose their fear of humans - any human, not just the ones feeding them. Thus, all NNSS workers are potentially put at risk by the actions of a few. This simply is not acceptable. If you see someone feeding animals or throwing food out of their vehicle, please notify your supervisor.

"The only legal way we

have of dealing with problem coyotes is to euthanize them if they become aggressive. So, a fed coyote becomes a dead coyote. We don't want that to happen," Hall said.

What can enterprise-wide employees do to help coyotes and other wildlife keep a respectable distance from us? Minimize potential human interactions: Keep a clean work area, ensure that food and food wrappers are disposed of properly, and that garbage cans placed outside have coyote-proof lids and are emptied frequently.

If you have any questions or encounter situations with coyotes that make you feel unsafe, please notify **Ecological and Environmental Monitoring** personnel at (702) 295-0364, (702) 295-0393, (702) 295-0365 or (702) 295-3338.



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WSI-Nevada Holds Thanksgiving Basket Contest to Benefit Local School

By *OneVoice* Staff Reports

Each year, WSI-Nevada employees are challenged to design and fill a Thanksgiving basket with food for a Thanksgiving feast for the students and families of its focus school partner, Quannah McCall Elementary School in North Las Vegas. The theme requirement is either Thanksgiving or education related. This year's winner is The Tree of Thanksgiving, submitted by Assessment and Oversight. Thank you all at WSI for your warm-hearted generosity and creativity!

