



## Nevada Site Office News

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### **NNSA Releases Offsite Monitoring Report**

According to the *Nevada Test Site Annual Site Environmental Report for Calendar Year 2001*, released by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Nevada Site Office, neither airborne nor groundwater radioactivity from the Nevada Test Site was detected offsite. The report, published in October 2002 includes monitoring conducted by the Community Environmental Monitoring Program under direction of the Desert Research Institute of the University and College System of Nevada.

Bruce Hurley, Nevada Site Office physical scientist said, "The environmental monitoring results are evidence that activities at the Nevada Test Site are being conducted in an environmentally sound manner."

Established in 1981, the Community Environmental Monitoring Program is composed of 24 monitoring stations surrounding the Nevada Test Site, monitoring airborne radioactivity and weather conditions. Each station is operated by a local citizen, including science teachers, farmers, and ranchers, trained to independently verify the results of the environmental monitoring. The monitors are knowledgeable spokespersons on subjects ranging from radiation detection to helping to identify the environmental concerns of people in their communities. For more information about the monitoring program, visit the website at <http://www.cemp.dri.edu/cemp.html>.

The report is available in the NNSA's Public Reading Facility located at 7730 West Cheyenne, Suite 112, Las Vegas, NV, as well as the Nevada Site Office website at <http://www.nv.doe.gov>.