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Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal at the NNSS is Focus of Pahrump Open House

The disposal of low-level and mixed low-level (LLW/MLLW) waste at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) will be the topic of discussion at an upcoming open house in Pahrump, Nevada. NNSS waste management experts will be on hand to explore questions like... what is LLW? and... what makes the NNSS a suitable location for LLW/MLLW disposal?

Hosted by the [U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office](#), the Waste Management Open House will take place on June 19, 2012, at the Bob Ruud Community Center (150 Highway 160 in Pahrump, Nevada 89048). From 5 to 8pm that evening, community members are invited to browse numerous posters on NNSS [waste-related activities](#) and speak one-on-one with waste management experts.

"This is an opportunity for the public to become acquainted with all aspects of the waste management program at the NNSS," said Assistant Manager for Environmental Management, Scott Wade.

Planned topics include *Monitoring, NNSS Waste Acceptance Criteria, Radiation Basics, Transportation Routes, Emergency Preparedness Grant Assistance, Regulations, and Permitting.*

"Open-house attendees will be able to speak individually with the geologists, hydrologists, engineers, and other subject matter experts who work in NNSS waste management," added Wade. "Our experts are looking forward to speaking with community members, so we strongly encourage questions."

Representatives from the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nye County, and the volunteer-based, [Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board](#), will also be participating in the event.

For more information, call 702-295-3521 or e-mail envmqt@nv.doe.gov.



Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site

For more than 50 years, the NNSS Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site has served as a local and national resource for [low-level radioactive waste disposal](#). Waste packages, which typically can be handled without protective clothing, are disposed in excavated cells using a grid system. In 2010, the NNSS became a permitted disposal facility for [mixed low-level waste](#), which contains both low-level radioactive and hazardous components.