



Nevada Site Office News

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National Nuclear Security Administration Announces Notice of Intent to Prepare a New Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Nevada Test Site

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Nevada Site Office announces its intent to prepare a site-wide environmental impact statement (SWEIS) for the continued operation of U.S. Department of Energy/NNSA activities at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) and off-site locations in the state of Nevada for the ten year period commencing 2010. Individuals, organizations, and government agencies and entities are invited to participate in developing the scope of the SWEIS during the public scoping period.

The public scoping period commenced on July 24, 2009, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* and will continue through October 16, 2009. NNSA will consider all comments regarding the scope of the SWEIS received or postmarked by this date. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

NNSA will conduct public scoping meetings in Las Vegas, Pahrump and Tonopah, Nevada and St. George, Utah. These scoping meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to present comments, ask questions, and discuss issues with NNSA officials regarding the SWEIS.

September 10, 2009

2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building
Desert Research Institute
755 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV

September 14, 2009

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Bob Ruud Community Center
150 North Highway 160
Pahrump, NV

September 16, 2009

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Ave.
Tonopah, NV

September 18, 2009

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Holiday Inn Conference Center
850 South Bluff Street
St. George, Utah

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Currently, the Nevada Site Office conducts operations under the 1996 SWEIS Records of Decision and decisions made as the result of other National Environmental Policy Act analyses. The new SWEIS will consider a No Action Alternative, which is to continue current operations through implementation of the 1996 Records of Decision, as modified by actions analyzed in subsequent National Environmental Protection Act analyses. Three action alternatives are also proposed for consideration in the SWEIS. The three action alternatives are: Reduced Operations, Expanded Operations, and Renewable Energy Operations.

Locations included in the SWEIS are the Remote Sensing Laboratory at Nellis Air Force Base, the DOE/NNSA campus in North Las Vegas, and DOE/NNSA activities located on the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR), including activities at the Tonopah Test Range (TTR).

To submit comments on the scope of the SWEIS, questions about the document or scoping meetings, or to be included on the document distribution list, please contact: Linda M. Cohn, NNSA Nevada Site Office, SWEIS Document Manager, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89193-8518; telephone (702) 295-0077; Facsimile (702) 295-5300; or email address: nepa@nv.doe.gov