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FACT SHEET

FOR A DRAFT SOLID WASTE PERMIT FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ASBESTIFORM SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CELL AT THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE

This FACT SHEET summarizes the basis for the DRAFT PERMIT prepared for the issuance to the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) for the construction of a new cell for disposal of asbestiform waste at the Nevada National Security Site (formerly the Nevada Test Site) in Nye County, Nevada. Asbestiform contains low-level radioactive waste. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has developed this FACT SHEET in accordance with the requirements of NAC 444.6415.

A. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) is a USDOE installation occupying 3561 km² (1,375 mi²) of federally owned land in southeastern Nye County. The NNSS supports national security-related research, development and testing programs. During the course of its operations, the NNSS generates and receives solid waste that requires disposal. A waste analysis plan was submitted with the draft permit for receipt of on-site and off-site waste in a landfill to be constructed. The capacity of the landfill is proposed to be 5,828 cubic meters (250,800 cubic yards). The landfill will be located in the Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site. This area of the NTS contains other radioactive waste, mixed waste, and hazardous waste landfills.

B. PURPOSE OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS

NDEP is the solid waste management authority for the state. NDEP is required to prepare a permit which represents, in one document, the applicable requirements with which the permittee must comply during the duration of the permit. The application and draft permit conditions are made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days prior to NDEP taking any final action on the application permit.

C. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

NDEP is making the draft permit available for public comment for a period of thirty days. The comment period will begin on June 20, 2011 and will end on July 20, 2011. Any person interested in commenting on the application of the draft permit must do so within the 30 day comment period. Comments should include all reasonable references, factual grounds, and supporting material. A public hearing will be held, if necessary or requested, to further hear comments regarding the draft permit at the public comment period. All persons wishing to

request a hearing or comment on any of the permit conditions or the permit application should do so in writing to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Federal Facilities
ATTN: Ted Zaferatos
2030 East Flamingo Road, Suite 230
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
702-486-2850, ext. 234
tzaferat@ndep.nv.gov

A copy of the draft permit will be available for review at the above address and at:

Pahrump Library
701 East Street
Pahrump, Nevada 89048
775-727-5930

Clark County Library
1401 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
702-507-3400

Please make an appointment to review the document at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection by calling Ted Zaferatos at 702-486-2850, ext.234. Call the library locations for available viewing hours.

Comments received by NDEP will be reviewed at the end of the public comment period. NDEP will then make a decision on the incorporation of final comments within the Permit and make a final decision to issue, deny, or modify the permit. Notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of final decision. The final permit decision shall become effective thirty (30) days after the service of notice of decision unless a later date is specified or review is requested as described. If no comments requested a change in the permit, the permit shall become effective immediately upon issuance.