FACT SHEET and TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS
regarding
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
at the
Nevada Test Site

Permit Number: **SW 13 097 04**

The Nevada Operation Office of the Department of Energy applied for a permit to operate, maintain, and close a Class II Solid Waste Disposal Site (SWDS) for municipal and industrial solid waste and debris. The SWDS has been operating under interim status, as provided by Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 444.6405.

This SWDS is situated in Area 23 of the Nevada Test Site and is located at 211790 North - 210769 East (Nevada State Plane Grid - Central Zone, metric North American Datum, 1983).

The SWDS is specifically constructed for the permanent disposal of garbage, rubbish, and debris, as described and limited by the Waste Acceptance Criteria, a part of the Plan to Characterize Solid Waste required by NAC 444.737.

The applicant has demonstrated in his application that significant volumes of leachate will not exit the built facilities to enter the surface water or groundwater regimes. A nearby monitoring well will be sampled to determine if earlier waste disposal at and near the location have affected the quality of the underlying aquifer.

The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection intends to issue to the U.S. Department of Energy a permit for a Solid Waste Disposal Site as described and presented. A copy of the proposed permit, including the Evaluation of Merits required by NAC 444.641.2 and other supporting information, are available to the public for examination and copying at:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
555 East Washington Street, Suite 4300
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

The state office is open during regular business hours, 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Questions regarding opportunity to examine or copy documents or about submitting written or oral comments should be first directed to Harry van Drielen, Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Federal Facilities, Division of Environmental Protection, at 486-2867.

A Notice of Intent to Issue Permit SW 13 097 04 was published in the Las Vegas Review Journal. A copy of the Notice

of Intent and this Fact Sheet were mailed to interested persons as prescribed by statute and regulation. The minimum period for public participation is 30 calendar days following the date of publication. The Administrator may extend the period to allow interested or affected persons ample opportunity to participate.

During the period for public participation, the Administrator accepts written comments, including written requests for a public hearing, on the proposed issuance of the permit. Written requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues to be heard. Comments or requests must be submitted to:

Solid Waste Program Manager
555 East Washington Street, Suite 4300
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