Waste Generation and Pollution Prevention Progress

Fact Sheet

Nevada Test Site

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Facility Mission

The Nevada Test Site is responsible for maintaining nuclear testing capability, supporting science-based Stockpile Stewardship experiments, maintaining nuclear agency response capability, applying environmental restoration techniques to areas affected by nuclear testing, managing low-level and mixed radioactive waste, investigating demilitarization technologies, investigating counter-proliferation technologies, supporting work-for-others programs and special Department of Defense activities, operating a hazardous materials spill test center, and providing for the commercial development of the site.

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Nevada Test Site - 1994

Location: Mercury, Nevada
Site Size: 864,000 Acres
Operations Office: Nevada
Lead Program Office: Defense Programs
DOE Employees: 34
Prime Contractor Employees: 1,129

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Routine Waste Generation and Projected Reduction by Waste Type

* 1999 reflects the application of DOE goals to the 1993 baseline.

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1994 Pollution Prevention and Recycling Accomplishments

- In 1994, 264,000 pounds of oil was sent to a reclamation facility for recovery and reuse.
- Spent lead bullets were recycled.

Materials Recycled by the Nevada Test Site in 1994

Recycled Material	Nevada Test Site (in Metric Tons)	DOE Complex (in Metric Tons)
Automotive	688	1,420
Metals	2,764	21,797
Paper	302	14,486
Other Materials*	0	18,574
GRAND TOTAL	3,754	56,277

* Other materials may include toner cartridges, food/garden waste, plastic, styrofoam, glass, concrete, wood, fluorescent light tubes, coolant, filters, solvents, photographic materials, ground circuit boards, chemicals, small animal exposure tubes, paint, adhesives, brick, non-process wastewater, furniture/office equipment, fly ash, and high explosives.

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