

# 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER TRANSPORTATION REPORT FY2017

**Waste Shipments To and From the Nevada National Security  
Site (NNSS), Radioactive Waste Management Complex**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report satisfies the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Field Office (NNSA/NFO) commitment to prepare a quarterly summary report of waste shipments to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) at Area 5. This report summarizes the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2017 low-level radioactive waste (LLW), mixed low-level radioactive waste (MLLW) and classified non-radioactive (CNR) shipments. There were no shipments sent for offsite treatment from a NNSS facility and returned to the NNSS this quarter of FY2017.

Tabular summaries are provided which include the following:

- Sources of and carriers for LLW, MLLW and CNR shipments to and from the NNSS;
- Number and external volume of LLW, MLLW and CNR shipments;
- Highway routes used by carriers; and
- Incident/accident data applicable to LLW, MLLW and CNR shipments.

In this report shipments are accounted for upon arrival at the NNSS, while disposal volumes are accounted for upon waste burial. Volume reports showing cubic feet (ft<sup>3</sup>) generated using the Low-Level Waste Information System may vary slightly due to rounding conventions for volumetric conversions from cubic meters to cubic feet.

## 2.0 SUMMARY OF WASTE SHIPMENTS AND VOLUMES DISPOSED

### Total LLW and MLLW Received from Offsite Generators

A total of 121,526 ft<sup>3</sup> of LLW and MLLW was disposed at the NNSS by 17 approved radioactive waste generators in 154 shipments. These shipments were transported using 11 approved motor carriers (including government vehicles).

### Total NNSS Onsite LLW

A total of 1,042 ft<sup>3</sup> of LLW was disposed by one approved NNSS onsite radioactive waste generator in one onsite transfer. A government vehicle was used for this transfer.

### Total CNR Received from Offsite Generators

A total of 125 ft<sup>3</sup> of CNR was disposed at the NNSS by one approved waste generator in two shipments. These shipments were transported using one approved motor carrier.

Table 1 provides a summary of inbound (offsite and onsite) radioactive and non-radioactive classified shipments. Table 2 provides a list of approved waste generators that shipped to or on the NNSS in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY2017.

**Table 1**

**NNSS Inbound, Onsite, and Classified Non-Radioactive Shipment Summary for  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY2017**

<b>Inbound</b>	<b>Offsite Generators</b>	<b>NNSS Generators</b>	<b>Approved Carriers</b>	<b>Shipments</b>	<b>Volume ft<sup>3</sup></b>
LLW / MLLW (offsite)	16	1	11	154	121,526
LLW (onsite)	0	1	1	1	1,042
Classified Non- Radioactive	1	0	1	2	125

**Table 2**

**Approved Generators Shipping To/On the NNSS in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY2017**

	<b>GENERATOR NAME</b>	<b>GENERATOR CODE</b>
1	Aberdeen Proving Grounds	AP
2	Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project	AM
3	Battelle Energy Alliance	NE
4	CH2M Hill B&W West Valley, LLC	WV
5	Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC Pantex	PX
6	Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC Y-12	BW
7	Duratek / Energy Solutions	DR
8	General Atomics	BG
9	Idaho National Laboratory	IN
10	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	LL
11	Los Alamos National Laboratory	LA
12	National Security Technologies	DP
13	Oak Ridge Reservation	OR
14	PermaFix (M&EC)	PF
15	Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant	PO
16	Sandia National Laboratory	SA
17	UT-Battelle / Oak Ridge National Laboratory	OL

## 2.1 Waste Transporters (Motor Carriers)

Motor carriers operate in compliance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), "Transportation," and are selected by the waste generator. Generators often use multiple motor carriers during the year to facilitate their shipments. Table 3 provides a list of the approved carriers used to transport LLW, MLLW and CNR shipments to the NNSS. A Government truck was used for the onsite shipment from NSTec.

No shipments bound for the NNSS were transported via intermodal (rail/highway) conveyance, also referred to as transloading, in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY2017.

**Table 3**  
**Approved Motor Carriers Used in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY2017**

	APPROVED MOTOR CARRIER	CARRIER CODE
1	AJ METLER (dba SPECIALTY TRANSPORT, INC.)	MAJH
2	BUFFALO FUEL CORPORATION	BUFI
3	CAST TRANSPORTATION	COLO
4	FLUID TRANSPORTS, INC.	FLAI
5	GOVERNMENT VEHICLE	GT+
6	HITTMAN TRANSPORT	HITT
7	HUBBARD TRUCKING	HTAL
8	INTERSTATE VENTURES	ITSV
9	LANDSTAR INWAY, INC.	LDWY
10	SLT EXPRESSWAY, INC.	SLTW
11	TRI-STATE MOTOR TRANSIT	TSMT

## 2.2 Shipments

Table 4 provides a summary of all LLW and MLLW offsite shipments received at NNSS. Table 5 provides a summary of NNSS onsite transfers of LLW and MLLW. Table 6 provides a summary of all CNR shipments received at NNSS. The three tables include a summary for FY2017 in the “Total” column.

**Table 4**  
**Offsite Shipments of LLW and MLLW Transported to the NNSS**

<b>Offsite Inbound Shipments</b>		<b>Shipments by Quarter</b>				
Generator, State		<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD		<b>2</b>				<b>2</b>
Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, ID		<b>14</b>				<b>14</b>
Battelle Energy Alliance, ID		<b>15</b>				<b>15</b>
Ch2M Hill West Valley, LLC, NY		<b>4</b>				<b>4</b>
Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC – Pantex, TX		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC – Y-12 Plant, TN		<b>23</b>				<b>23</b>
Duratek/Energy Solutions, TN		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
General Atomics, CA		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Idaho National Laboratory, ID		<b>16</b>				<b>16</b>
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA		<b>4</b>				<b>4</b>
Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM		<b>13</b>				<b>13</b>
National Security Technologies, NV		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
Oak Ridge Reservation, TN		<b>17</b>				<b>17</b>
PermaFix (M&EC), TN, WA, FL		<b>9</b>				<b>9</b>
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, OH		<b>31</b>				<b>31</b>
Sandia National Laboratories, NM		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
UT-Battelle/Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
<b>Total Shipments</b>		<b>154</b>				<b>154</b>



**Table 5**  
**NNSS Onsite Transfers of LLW and MLLW**

<b>Onsite Transfers</b>	<b>Shipments by Quarter</b>				
Generator, State	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
National Security Technologies LLC, NV	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>

**Table 6**  
**Classified Non-Radioactive Shipments Transported to the NNSS**

<b>Offsite Inbound Shipments</b>	<b>Shipments by Quarter</b>				
Generator, State	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
PermaFix (M&EC), TN, WA, FL	<b>2</b>				<b>2</b>
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>2</b>















## **2.3 Transportation Route Reporting**

The NNSA/NFO continues to engage in discussions with waste generators regarding avoiding the I-15/US-95 interchange. The NNSS Waste Acceptance Criteria includes wording requiring generators to notify their carriers to avoid this area and to select routes which minimize radiological risk.

Due to the events of September 11, 2001, tractor trailers continue to be restricted from travel near the Hoover Dam. The NNSS WAC states, "Waste transportation to the NNSS, regardless of DOT classification, shall avoid the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge and Las Vegas."

Quarterly and annual transportation reports may be found on the Internet at <http://www.nnss.gov/pages/programs/RWM/Reports.html>

The following two pages provide details and a graphic depiction of waste shipment routes traveled to the NNSS from October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

LOW-LEVEL, MIXED LOW-LEVEL & CLASSIFIED NON-RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENTS TO THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE																				
FIRST QUARTER REPORT, FY 2017 (OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2016)																				
RouteType	Route Description	Route Legend	Origin State>>	CA	CA	ID	ID	ID	MD	NM	NM	NV	NY	OH	TN	TN, WA, FL	TN	TN	TN	TX
			Total Shipments by Route	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	General Atomics	Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project	Battelle Energy Alliance	Idaho National Laboratory	Aberdeen Proving Ground	Sandia National Laboratory	Los Alamos National Laboratory	National Security Technologies	CH2M Hill BWXT West Valley, LLC	Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant	Consolidated Nuclear Services Y-12 Plant	Materials & Energy Corporation (M&EC) Perma-Fix	Duratek / Energy Solutions	Oak Ridge Reservation (UCOR)	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Consolidated Nuclear Services Pantex Plant
CALIFORNIA	I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		3	3																
CALIFORNIA	I-15, CA-127, CA-178, NV-372, NV-160, US-95		1	1																
CALIFORNIA	I-15, NV-160, US-95	  	1		1															
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-93, AZ-68, NV-163, US-95, NV-164, I-15, NV-160, US-95		55						1		1			28	15			10		
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-95, NV-164, I-15, NV-160, US-95		43				2			1	12			3	8	9		7		1
NORTHERN	US-50, US-6/50, US-6, US-95		2						1								1			
NORTHERN	I-80, US-93-ALT, US-6, US-95	  	16				1	9				1	4						1	
NORTHERN	US-93, US-6, US-95	  	35			14	12	7								2				
Total Shipments by Generator>>>			156	4	1	14	15	16	2	1	13	1	4	31	23	11	1	17	1	1
Total Volume (ft³) by Generator>>>			121,651	10,736	630	9,916	7,504	4,017	905	815	8,316	397	5,248	24,445	33,688	2,219	12	11,388	57	1,360



### 3.0 INCIDENT/ACCIDENT DATA

For the purpose of this report, incidents and accidents are defined as:

- **Incident:** Any unintentional release of hazardous material from a package during transportation, load shift or any occurrence during transportation in which any of the circumstances identified in 49 CFR 171.15(b) occurs. (ANSI N14.27)
- **Accident:** An occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce which results in a fatality; bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or one or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicles to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle. (49 CFR 390.5(1))

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM), sites, and carriers are dedicated to ensuring an appropriate response to all offsite transportation events involving DOE radioactive materials. In a memo to EM sites on October 17, 2016, the Director, DOE Office of Packaging and Transportation and the NNSA/NFO Assistant Manager for Environmental Management, established notification criteria to provide additional clarity to the requirements in the NNSS Waste Acceptance Criteria. This reporting is consistent with DOE Manual 460.2-1, and will help to ensure:

- Receiving timely notification of all off-site transportation events to assure adequate response resources are assigned;
- Notifying appropriate field response personnel and/or resources (including field sites, RAP teams, and state and tribal contacts) if they have not already been engaged; and
- Having all potentially involved personnel prepared to respond to inquiries from the media, elected officials, or the public.

Waste generators are instructed to notify the Nevada Field Office whenever a discrepancy, non-compliance, or inadequate performance is identified; or if a transportation incident or emergency situation occurs.

NSTec, a contractor to the NNSA/NFO, controls NNSS waste receipt and disposal activities and is responsible for notifying appropriate personnel regarding any non-compliant or refused shipments. NSTec personnel also immediately notify generators of any shipping discrepancies.

**There were no transportation incidents in the 1st quarter of FY2017.**

#### **4.0 EVALUATION OF SHIPPING CAMPAIGNS**

This section contains an evaluation summary of the annual shipping campaigns with respect to the significance of the packaging or transportation incidents reported in Section 3.0. Waste generators must ensure that waste is packaged and transported in a safe and compliant manner as detailed in the NNSS Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) and U.S. Department of Transportation regulations. Generators and their contracted shipping carriers must be diligent with regard to all requirements including packaging, routing, and shipping documentation.

The NNSS Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) provides oversight of NNSS waste generators for compliance with Department of Transportation regulations and the NNSS Waste Acceptance Criteria including Section 6.0, Waste Transportation and Receipt Information. All generator performance anomalies are tracked and trended for deficient conditions.

Findings are issued by RWAP personnel, formerly (Corrective Action Requests (CARs)), to identify, track, and resolve deficiencies that violate the NNSSWAC — including failure to follow Department of Transportation requirements. Observations are also issued by RWAP personnel for conditions that represent a weakness in a waste generator's quality assurance or waste certification program that, if left uncorrected, could result in a condition adverse to quality. For the purposes of this report, only transportation and packaging related Findings will be reported.

**There were no transportation associated Findings issued in this reporting period.**

## 5.0 REFERENCES

Shipment information is recorded at the NNSS Area 5 Radioactive Waste Management Site by NSTec Waste Management Program personnel. These records provide detailed information on each LLW, MLLW and CNR shipment, including the date received, generator, package number and type, volume, weight, carrier, and final disposition. In addition, incident and accident information is collected from NSTec and NNSA/NFO correspondence and personal communications with NNSA/NFO managers, NSTec personnel, waste generators, and carrier personnel. Route information is collected from the NNSA/NFO quarterly routing reports published by NNSA/NFO.

The following source documents are incorporated by reference:

- U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office, "Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada National Security Site and Offsite Locations in the State of Nevada," DOE/EIS-0426, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2013.
- U.S. Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office, "Record of Decision (ROD) for the Continued Management, Operations, and Activities of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) and Offsite Locations in the State of Nevada," EIS-0426 Record of Decision, Las Vegas, Nevada, December 2014.
- U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations, 49 CFR, "Transportation," *Code of Federal Regulations*, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 2012.

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## **7.0 ACRONYM LIST**

<b>ft<sup>3</sup></b>	Cubic Feet
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>DOE</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year
<b>LLW</b>	Low-Level Radioactive Waste
<b>MLLW</b>	Mixed Low-Level Radioactive Waste
<b>NNSA/NFO</b>	National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Field Office
<b>NSTec</b>	National Security Technologies, LLC
<b>NNSS</b>	Nevada National Security Site
<b>RWMS</b>	Radioactive Waste Management Site

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