

2ND QUARTER TRANSPORTATION REPORT FY2016

**Waste Shipments To and From the Nevada National Security
Site (NNS), 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 (NNS) Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) at Area 5. This report summarizes the 2nd quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2016 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 NNS facility and returned to the NNS this quarter of FY2016.

Tabular summaries are provided which include the following:

- Sources of and carriers for LLW, MLLW and CNR shipments to and from the NNS;
- 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 NNS, while disposal volumes are accounted for upon waste burial. Volume reports showing cubic feet (ft³) 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 282,774 ft³ of LLW and MLLW was disposed at the NNS by 17 approved radioactive waste generators in 305 shipments. These shipments were transported using 13 approved motor carriers (including government vehicles).

Total NNS Onsite LLW/MLLW

Two approved NNS onsite radioactive waste generators disposed 828 ft³ of LLW in five onsite transfers. Government vehicles were used for these transfers.

Total CNR Received from Offsite Generators

A total of 491 ft³ of CNR was disposed at the NNS by two approved waste generators in two shipments. These shipments were transported using two approved motor carriers.

Table 1 provides a summary of inbound (offsite and onsite) and non-radioactive classified shipments. Table 2 provides a list of approved waste generators that shipped to or on the NNS in the 2nd quarter of FY2016.

Table 1

**NNSS Inbound, Onsite, and Classified Non-Radioactive Shipment Summary for
2nd Quarter of FY2016**

Inbound	Generators	NNSS Generators	Approved Carriers	Shipments	Volume ft³
LLW / MLLW (offsite)	17	0	13	304	282,775
LLW / MLLW (onsite)	0	2	1	5	828
Classified Non- Radioactive	1	1	2	3	491

Table 2

Approved Generators Shipping To/On the NNSS in 2nd Quarter of FY2016

	GENERATOR NAME	GENERATOR CODE
1	Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project	AM
2	Argonne National Laboratory	AE
3	Battelle Energy Alliance	NE
4	Brookhaven National Laboratory	BR
5	Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC Pantex	PX
6	Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC Y-12	BW
7	Idaho National Laboratory	IN
8	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	LL
9	Los Alamos National Laboratory	LA
10	National Security Technologies	DP
11	Navarro	IT
12	Nuclear Fuel Services	NF
13	Oak Ridge Reservation	OR
14	Perma-Fix (M&EC)	PF
15	Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant	PO
16	Sandia National Laboratory	SA
17	Savannah River Site	SR
18	UT-Battelle / Oak Ridge National Laboratory	OL
19	Wastren Advantage Inc.	FW

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. Government trucks were used for selected shipments from the LLNL site and for the onsite shipments from Navarro and NSTec.

No shipments bound for the NNSS were transported via intermodal (rail/highway) conveyance, also referred to as transloading, in the 2nd quarter of FY2016.

Table 3
Approved Motor Carriers Used in 2nd Quarter of FY2016

	APPROVED MOTOR CARRIER	CARRIER CODE
1	AJ METLER (dba SPECIALTY TRANSPORT, INC.)	MAJH
2	CAST TRANSPORTATION	COLO
3	FLUID TRANSPORTS, INC.	FLAI
4	GOVERNMENT VEHICLE	GT+
5	HITTMAN TRANSPORT	HITT
6	HUBBARD TRUCKING	HTAL
7	INTERSTATE VENTURES	ITSV
8	LANDSTAR RANGER, INC	LRGR
9	R&R TRUCKING, INC.	RRUK
10	SAVAGE LOGISTICS	SVGH
11	SLT EXPRESS WAY, INC	SLTW
12	TLI FREIGHT SERVICES, LLC	TLVC
13	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 FY2016 in the “Total” column.

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

Offsite Inbound Shipments	Shipments by Quarter				
Generator, State	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD	2	0			2
Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, ID	9	22			31
Argonne National Laboratory, IL	0	2			2
Battelle Energy Alliance, ID	0	8			8
Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY	0	1			1
Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC – Pantex, TX	0	1			1
Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC – Y-12 Plant, TN	19	29			48
Duratek/Energy Solutions, TN	3	0			3
Idaho National Laboratory, ID	6	21			27
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA	3	3			6
Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM	1	10			11
National Security Technologies	0	1			1
Nuclear Fuel Services, TN	13	7			20
Oak Ridge Reservation, TN	18	28			46
Permafrix (M&EC), TN, WA, CA	28	24			52
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, OH	128	139			267
Sandia National Laboratories, NM	4	1			5
Savannah River Site, SC	0	2			2
UT-Battelle/Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN	3	4			7
Wastren Advantage Inc., TN	4	2			6
Total Shipments	241	305			546

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

Onsite Transfers	Shipments by Quarter				
Generator, State	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
National Security Technologies LLC, NV	1	3			4
Navarro, NV	0	2			2
Total Transfers	1	5			6

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

Offsite Inbound Shipments	Shipments by Quarter				
Generator, State	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
National Security Technologies, NV	0	1			1
Permafex (M&EC), TN, WA, CA	1	0			1
Sandia National Laboratories, NM	2	1			3
Total Transfers	3	2			5

2.3 Transportation Route Reporting

The NNSA/NFO continues to engage in discussions with waste generators regarding avoiding the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area. 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.nv.energy.gov/emprograms/transportationreports.aspx>

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



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 May 22, 2006, the Chief Operating Officer, EM-3, established a requirement to report any type of transportation accident/incident to EM-HQ. 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 NNSA/NFO Assistant Manager of Environmental Management 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 was one incident in the 2nd quarter of FY2016:

- On February 9, 2016 a low-level waste shipment tractor was hit by another truck in a parking lot, damaging its hood, mirror and tires. No damage occurred to the trailer or load. Another tractor was dispatched from the generator location and the load was delivered as scheduled.

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 NNSWAC 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 NNSWAC provides oversight of NNSWAC waste generators for compliance with Department of Transportation regulations and the NNSWAC including Section 6.0, Waste Transportation and Receipt Information. All generator performance anomalies are tracked and trended for deficient conditions.

Corrective Action Requests (CARs) are issued by RWAC personnel to identify, track, and resolve deficiencies that violate the NNSWAC — including failure to follow Department of Transportation requirements. Observations are also issued by RWAC 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 CARs will be reported.

There were three transportation associated CARs issued in this reporting period.

- On January 26, 2016, CAR RWAC-C-16-04 was issued to Oak Ridge Reservation due to a foreign national transporting a shipment to the NNSWAC. Section 6.2.1 of the NNSWAC mandates that waste shipment drivers must be U.S. Citizens.
- On February 2, 2016, CAR RWAC-C-16-05 was issued to Portsmouth due to waste shipment POL16174 arriving with a breached package. All of the waste in the breached package was contained in inner packages and no waste or radioactivity leaked. Section 3.2 of the NNSWAC mandates that waste packages be intact.
- On March 30, 2016, CAR RWAC-C-16-08 was issued to Los Alamos national Laboratory due to waste shipment LAL16007 arriving with a breached package. All of the waste in the breached package was contained in inner packages and no waste or radioactivity leaked. Section 3.2 of the NNSWAC mandates that waste packages be intact.

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

ft³	Cubic Feet
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
FY	Fiscal Year
LLW	Low-Level Radioactive Waste
MLLW	Mixed Low-Level Radioactive Waste
NNSA/NFO	National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Field Office
NSTec	National Security Technologies, LLC
NNSS	Nevada National Security Site
RWMS	Radioactive Waste Management Site

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