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Nevada National Security Site Teams Recognized with NNSA Defense Programs Awards of Excellence

Las Vegas, Nevada – The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) recently presented 17 Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) teams with Defense Programs Awards of Excellence. NNSA Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Application Brigadier General Michael Lutton was on hand to congratulate the teams for their excellent work in support of the nation’s Stockpile Stewardship Program.

“I am honored to present these awards,” Lutton said during the ceremony. “These outstanding accomplishments and the work you do every day greatly contribute to our NNSA mission of maintaining a safe, effective and reliable nuclear deterrent.”

Made up of almost 300 federal, contractor and/or national laboratory personnel, the teams were recognized for their contributions to various Defense Programs projects, including advanced experimental diagnostics, nuclear material management, infrastructure investment planning and software development. Several NNSS projects allow for higher-quality radiography and data analysis on subcritical experiments, a cornerstone of the nation’s Stockpile Stewardship Program.

Established in 1982, the Defense Programs Awards of Excellence are given annually to recognize significant individual and team achievements in quality, productivity, cost savings, safety or creativity in support of NNSA’s nuclear weapons modernization program.

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The Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities help ensure the security of the United States and its allies by: supporting the stewardship of the nation’s nuclear deterrent; providing nuclear and radiological emergency response capabilities and training; contributing to key nonproliferation and arms control initiatives; executing national-level experiments in support of the National Laboratories; working with national security customers and other federal agencies on important national security activities; and providing long-term environmental stewardship of the NNSS’s Cold War legacy. The NNSS falls under the jurisdiction of the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Site’s operations are government-controlled and contractor-operated. They are overseen by DOE’s Nevada Field Office, headquartered in North Las Vegas.

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