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NNSS dedicates Mercury Modernization Bldg. 1 Feb. 24
*NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator
Dr. William Bookless to speak*

MERCURY, Nevada – The Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) will dedicate the first building of the Mercury Modernization program Monday, Feb. 24, at 11:30 a.m. Mercury Bldg. 1 represents an important milestone for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), serving as a pilot infrastructure initiative for standardization and efficiency.



Principal Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) NNSA Dr. William Bookless will dedicate the complex and recognize this significant step in revitalizing and replacing aged infrastructure at the NNSS.

During the next 10 years, more than \$150 million will be invested in creating a campus-like environment with nine new modern facilities in Mercury and other locations within the NNSS to meet the needs of the workforce supporting the NNSA's national security programs. The campus buildings are designed as High Performance Sustainable Buildings with net-zero energy design criteria.

“This is a moment of pride for the NNSS,” said NNSA Nevada Field Office Acting Manager Dr. David Bowman. “The Mercury Modernization program positions us to continue our critically important national security work, and also attract the next generation of employees.”

The program demonstrates practical application of technologies that can make facilities sustainable and more cost-effective during the long-term in addition to providing an example of how to effectively leverage DOE enterprise capabilities in partnership with private and public sector resources.

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The NNSS is managed and operated by Mission Support and Test Services LLC (MSTS). MSTS is a limited liability company consisting of Honeywell International Inc., Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., and HII Nuclear. The NNSS falls under the jurisdiction of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy. The Site's operations are government-controlled and contractor-operated, and are overseen by NNSA's Nevada Field Office, headquartered in North Las Vegas.

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