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Update: Wildland fires at the NNSS

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nevada – The Nevada National Security Site continues firefighting efforts in Areas 16 and 29. Weather was on our side yesterday, and 16 water bucket drops along with 9 fire retardant drops were completed. Today, NNSS Fire & Rescue and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) efforts will focus on securing the edges of the fires using ground-based assets. As the day progress Incident Commanders will assess the need for additional bucket and fire-retardant drops.

The fire in Area 16 is now estimated at 250 acres and the remaining active fire in Area 29 is estimated at 5 acres. All other fires continue to be monitored showing no activity.

The fires are not burning, and have not burned, in any radiologically contaminated area. A contaminated area that was created as part of Cold War era testing is approximately 2.5 kilometers from the active edge of the Area 16 fire. Should the fire burn completely through this area, atmospheric dispersion (plume) modeling, provided by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center indicate potential radiological exposures for onsite personnel are well below the criteria for initiating protective actions. There is also no offsite risk to the public. A radiological response team is conducting continuous on-site monitoring in this area.

No structures or assets are in danger. No injuries have been reported.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available on the NNSS Twitter page at <https://twitter.com/NNSANevada> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NNSANevada>.

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