

# Stakeholder Involvement

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## Environmental Management

In support of national defense initiatives, a total of 928 atmospheric and underground nuclear tests were conducted between 1951 and 1992 at the [Nevada National Security Site \(NNSS\)](#). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) [Environmental Management \(EM\) Nevada Program](#) is responsible for assessing and performing environmental corrective actions at locations impacted by this historic nuclear testing and also oversees the safe, secure, and successful disposal of waste at the NNSS radioactive waste disposal facilities.

## Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

The NSSAB is a federally appointed group of interested citizens representing nearby communities who volunteer to provide informed recommendations on EM Nevada Program activities. The NSSAB provides a means for public and community participation through an ongoing exchange of information. Regularly held NSSAB meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit [www.nnss.gov](http://www.nnss.gov).

## Intergovernmental Groups

Through open two-way communication, the EM Nevada Program is committed to carrying out its mission to the highest level of safety, security, success, integrity, transparency, and regulatory compliance. The EM Nevada Program frequently communicates with regulatory and governmental agencies in southern Nevada. Additionally, the EM Nevada Program hosts bi-monthly information exchanges with representatives from six Nevada counties, three federal organizations, tribal organizations culturally affiliated with the NNSS, and the State of Nevada regulatory agency.



*Tribal representatives work side-by-side with the NNSS team on the revegetation program*

## Tribal Organizations

The EM Nevada Program has a long-standing collaborative relationship with the 16 American Indian Tribes that have cultural ties to the NNSS. These tribes represent three ethnic groups comprised of Southern Paiute, Western Shoshone, and Owens Valley Paiute/Shoshone. The focus of this partnership is based upon a cultural connection to the NNSS, and includes accessing the land to study sensitive areas and conducting activities to restore and heal the land. The EM Nevada Program relies on tribal expertise to develop recommendations on how to revegetate specific areas at the NNSS.

## Grant Funding

The EM Nevada Program provides grant funding for regulatory oversight, enhanced emergency preparedness, and groundwater monitoring activities. The State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) receives funding to perform programmatic and regulatory oversight of the NNSS waste management activities. Additionally, NDEP receives grant funding to perform oversight activities regarding monitoring of air, groundwater, and surface water to ensure the safety of personnel, the public, and the environment.

The Emergency Preparedness Working Group Grant supports emergency response capabilities in communities along low-level radioactive waste shipment routes to the NNSS. More than **\$15.7 million** has been distributed through the State of Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) to Clark, Elko, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine counties. Grant funds provide added support for resources, such as communication equipment upgrades, emergency vehicles, and protective gear for emergency responders. Nye County receives funding to support groundwater monitoring activities, including technical guidance for selection of monitoring locations, groundwater sampling, and independent technical review.

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## Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum

*NSSAB members tour the NNSS*

The EM Nevada Program hosts a quarterly Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum designed to promote active communication with intergovernmental entities. The meetings provide participants an opportunity to discuss topics related to the safe, secure, and successful transportation and disposal of low-level radioactive waste at the NNSS. Members include representatives from multiple counties, the State of Nevada, local emergency response personnel, Tribal organizations, and the NSSAB.

## Community Support

Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc., contractor to the EM Nevada Program, supports community organizations with a mix of both direct financial contributions and in-kind services. A Community Commitment Planning Committee (CCPC) was established to identify areas for investment and engagement, particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programming in local schools, to recommend allocation of funds, and to facilitate employee involvement. Projects include field trips to the NNSS, employee participation in STEM events and competitions, and a grant process for funding STEM needs in the classroom.



*NNSS Fire and Rescue demonstrates its extensive capabilities during a tour for the Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum members*

## Public Outreach

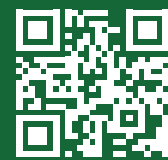
The EM Nevada Program provides multiple informational tools and resources, such as:

- Website and social media ([nnss.gov](https://www.nnss.gov))
- Open houses and community conversations
- Articles, press releases, and fact sheets
- Educational demonstrations, displays, public presentations, and virtual events
- Virtual field trips on EM-focused topics to promote STEM programming in local schools

The EM Nevada Program collaborates with local and regional schools to educate future stakeholders using its Operation Clean Desert learning materials and other interactive tools. This free program introduces students to STEM-based career opportunities, the history of nuclear testing, and plants and wildlife at the NNSS.

As an integral part of the community, the EM Nevada Program is dedicated to open communication and transparency with interested stakeholders as well as educating the next generation of Nevadans on the significant history and future of the NNSS.

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