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Radioactive Waste Management Complex**

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CFR	<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>
CNR	Classified Non-Radioactive
CNRH	Classified Non-Radioactive Hazardous
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
ft ³	Cubic foot (feet)
FY	Fiscal year
LLW	Low-Level Radioactive Waste
MCEP	Motor Carrier Evaluation Program
MLLW	Mixed Low-Level Radioactive Waste
MSTS	Mission Support and Test Services, LLC
NNSA/NFO	U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Field Office
NNSS	Nevada National Security Site
NNSSWAC	<i>Nevada National Security Site Waste Acceptance Criteria</i>
OCC	Operations Command Center
RWAP	Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program
RWMC	Radioactive Waste Management Complex

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report satisfies the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) commitment to prepare a quarterly summary of waste shipments to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) in Area 5. This report summarizes the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2020 and serves as a quarterly/annual report for the following types of shipments:

- Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLW)
- Mixed Low-Level Radioactive Waste (MLLW)
- Classified Non-Radioactive (CNR) Waste
- Classified Non-Radioactive Hazardous (CNRH) Waste

Tabular summaries are provided that include the following:

- Number and external volume of LLW, MLLW, and CNR/CNRH waste shipments
- Waste generators for LLW, MLLW, and CNR/CNRH waste shipments to and on the NNSS
- Carriers for LLW, MLLW, and CNR/CNRH waste shipments to and on the NNSS
- Waste generator shipments by quarter
- Shipment routes used by carriers
- Incident and accident data applicable to LLW, MLLW, and CNR/CNRH waste shipments

Volume reports using the Low-Level Waste Information System showing cubic feet (ft³) of waste generated may vary slightly due to rounding conventions for conversions from cubic meters to ft³.

Commercial motor carriers transporting waste to the NNSS must be identified on the DOE Motor Carrier Evaluation Program (MCEP) Evaluated Carrier List or be evaluated in a manner similar to the MCEP process. DOE contractors who transport waste to the NNSS as private motor carriers have their motor carrier operations evaluated by DOE as part of the Transportation Safety and Operations Compliance Assurance Program. In addition, periodic self-assessments are required per DOE O 460.2A, "Departmental Materials Transportation and Packaging Management." Because commercial motor carriers and DOE contractors are commercial entities, their operations are also subject to periodic facility and over-the-road inspection by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

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2.0 SUMMARY OF WASTE SHIPMENTS AND VOLUMES DISPOSED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY 2020

Total LLW and MLLW Received from Offsite Generators

A total of 75,937 ft³ of LLW and MLLW was disposed at the NNSC from 17 approved radioactive waste generators in 128 shipments. These shipments were transported using eight MCEP-approved motor carriers.

Total LLW and MLLW Received from Onsite NNSC Generators

A total of 360 ft³ of LLW in six onsite transfers was disposed by one approved NNSC onsite radioactive waste generator. Onsite government vehicles were used for these transfers.

Total CNR/CNRH Waste Received from Offsite Generators

A total of 6,286 ft³ of CNR/CNRH waste was disposed at the NNSC by three approved waste generators in nine shipments. These shipments were transported using two MCEP-approved motor carriers.

Table 1 provides a summary of waste shipments. Table 2 provides a list of approved waste generators that shipped to or on the NNSC in the fourth quarter of FY 2020.

TABLE 1. NNSC INBOUND SHIPMENT SUMMARY FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY 2020

INBOUND	OFFSITE GENERATORS	NNSC GENERATORS	CARRIERS	SHIPMENTS	VOLUME (ft ³)
LLW/MLLW (offsite)	16	1	8	128 ^b	75,937
LLW (onsite)	0	1 ^a	N/A	6	360
CNR/CNRH	3	0	2	9 ^b	6,286

^a Government vehicles were used for the six Mission Support and Test Services, LLC (MSTS), onsite transfers.

^b The 128 LLW/MLLW and nine CNR/CNRH shipments included 36 classified shipments (25 LLW, two MLLW, six CNR and three CNRH).

TABLE 2. APPROVED GENERATORS SHIPPING WASTE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY 2020

	GENERATOR	GENERATOR CODE
1	Aberdeen Proving Ground	AP
2	Energy Solutions	DR
3	Idaho National Laboratory – Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project	AM
4	Idaho National Laboratory – Battelle Energy Alliance	NE
5	Idaho National Laboratory – Fluor Idaho	IN
6	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	LL
7	Los Alamos National Laboratory	LA
8	Mission Support and Test Services, LLC	DP
9	Nuclear Fuel Services	NF
10	Oak Ridge National Laboratory – UT-Battelle	OL
11	Oak Ridge Reservation (UCOR)	OR
12	Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant	PD
13	Pantex	PX
14	PermaFix	PF
15	Sandia National Laboratory	SA
16	TRU Waste Processing Center	FW
17	West Valley	WV

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/CNRH waste shipments to the NNSS.

TABLE 3. APPROVED MOTOR CARRIERS USED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF FY 2020

	APPROVED MOTOR CARRIER	CARRIER CODE
1	Bennett Heavy & Specialized, LLC	BHAV
2	Buffalo Fuel Corporations	BUFI
3	CAST Transportation	COLO
4	Hittman Transport	HITT
5	Interstate Ventures	ITSV
6	M.P. Environmental Services, Inc.	MPES
7	Specialty Transport, Inc.	MAJH
8	Tri-State Motor Transit	TSMT
	Government Vehicle*	GT+

* Government vehicles transporting waste shipments are fully compliant with DOT.

2.2 SHIPMENTS

Table 4 provides a summary of all offsite shipments of LLW and MLLW received at the NNSS in FY 2020. Table 5 provides a summary of NNSS onsite transfers of LLW and MLLW in FY 2020. Table 6 provides a summary of all CNR and CNRH waste shipments received at the NNSS in FY 2020. The three tables include a summary for FY 2020 in the “Total” column.

TABLE 4. OFFSITE SHIPMENTS OF LLW AND MLLW TRANSPORTED TO THE NNSS IN FY 2020

OFFSITE INBOUND SHIPMENTS Generator, State(s)	SHIPMENTS BY QUARTER				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD	3	0	0	5	8
Brookhaven National Laboratory, NY	0	1	0	0	1
DUF6 Conversion Project, TN	1	0	0	0	1
Energy Solutions, TN	0	2	6	5	13
Idaho National Laboratory – Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, ID	5	9	5	8	27
Idaho National Laboratory – Battelle Energy Alliance, ID	7	10	13	20	50
Idaho National Laboratory – Fluor Idaho, ID	10	2	0	10	22
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA	4	7	1	2	14
Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM	3	6	10	16	35
Mission Support and Test Services, LLC, NV	2	0	0	1	3
Navarro, NV	1	1	0	0	2
Nuclear Fuel Services, TN	4	2	0	4	10
Oak Ridge National Laboratory – UT-Battelle, TN	2	3	2	3	10
Oak Ridge Reservation (UCOR), TN	141	107	40	32	320
Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, KY	1	0	0	1	2
Pantex, TX	0	2	0	3	5
PermaFix, TN, WA, and FL	4	56	4	11	75
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, OH	6	20	0	0	26
Sandia National Laboratory, NM	0	3	0	3	6
TRU Waste Processing Center, TN	1	1	0	2	4
West Valley, NY	13	6	0	2	21
Total Shipments	208	238	81	128	655

TABLE 5. NNSS ONSITE TRANSFERS OF LLW AND MLLW IN FY 2020

ONSITE TRANSFERS Generator, State	SHIPMENTS BY QUARTER				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Mission Support and Test Services, NV	3	5	4	6	18
Total Shipments	3	5	4	6	18

TABLE 6. CNR AND CNRH SHIPMENTS TRANSPORTED TO THE NNSS IN FY 2020

OFFSITE INBOUND SHIPMENTS Generator, State	SHIPMENTS BY QUARTER				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Idaho National Laboratory – Battelle Energy Alliance, ID	0	2	0	3	2
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA	0	0	0	2	2
Sandia National Laboratory, NM	0	1	0	4	1
Total Shipments	0	3	0	9	12

2.3 TRANSPORTATION ROUTE REPORTING

DOE policy is to avoid shipments traveling through the I-15/US-95 interchange. The *Nevada National Security Site Waste Acceptance Criteria* (NNSSWAC), which can be found at https://www.nnss.gov/docs/docs_RWM/NNSSWAC_Nov%202016.pdf, requires that transportation of waste to the NNSSS shall avoid this area. Before shipments depart generator sites, routing is reviewed with the carriers transporting the waste to verify only approved routes are selected.

Shipments continue to be restricted from travel near the Hoover Dam. The NNSSWAC states, “Waste transportation to the NNSSS, regardless of DOT classification, **shall** avoid the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge (Mike O’Callaghan – Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge).”

Recent quarterly and annual transportation reports may be found on the Internet at <http://www.nnss.gov/pages/programs/RWM/Reports.html>.

Older reports may be obtained by contacting the Office of Scientific and Technical Information at <https://www.osti.gov>, or by phone at (865) 576-8401.

Table 7 provides details of waste shipment routes traveled to the NNSSS for the fourth quarter of FY 2020. Figure 1 provides a graphic depiction of waste shipment routes traveled to the NNSSS for the fourth quarter of FY 2020.

Table 8 provides details of waste shipment routes traveled to the NNSSS for FY 2020. Figure 2 provides a graphic depiction of waste shipment routes traveled to the NNSSS for FY 2020.

TABLE 7. SHIPMENT ROUTES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY 2020

LOW-LEVEL, MIXED LOW-LEVEL & CLASSIFIED NON-RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENTS TO/ON THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE																					
FOURTH QUARTER REPORT, FY 2020 (JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2020)																					
RouteType	Route Description	Route Legend	Total Shipments by Route	Origin State>>	CA	ID	ID	ID		MD	NM	NM	NV	NY	TN, WA, FL	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TX
				Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Idaho National Laboratory - AMWTP	Idaho National Laboratory - Battelle Energy Alliance	Idaho National Laboratory - Fluor Idaho	Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant	Aberdeen Proving Ground	Los Alamos National Laboratory	Sandia National Laboratories	Mission Support and Test Services	West Valley	Perma-Fix	Energy Solutions	Nuclear Fuel Services	Oak Ridge Reservation (UCOR)	Oak Ridge National Laboratory - UT Battelle	TRU Waste Processing Center	Pantex	
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-93, AZ-68, NV-163, US-95, NV-164, I-15, NV-160, US-95		56								3	7				5	2	32	2	2	3
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-93, AZ-68, NV-163, US-95, NV-164, I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		1								1										
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-95, NV-164, I-15, NV-160, US-95		24			5			5	12							2				
CALIFORNIA	I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		5	4											1						
SOUTHERN	I-40, I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		2					1											1		
NORTHERN	US-6, US-95 (TTR)		1										1								
NORTHERN	I-80, US-93-ALT, US-6, US-95		9			5								2	2						
NORTHERN	US-93, US-6, US-95		39		8	13	10								8						
ON-SITE	On-Site Shipments	N/A	6										6								
Total Shipments by Generator>>>				143	4	8	23	10	1	5	16	7	7	2	11	5	4	32	3	2	3
Total Volume (ft ³) by Generator>>>				82,583	1,084	6,177	15,297	6,397	1,529	2,184	10,396	4,473	379	2,431	3,027	5,215	2,802	10,856	2,853	4,645	2,838

*There were no transloaded shipments this quarter

FIGURE 1. ROUTES TRAVELLED TO THE NNSS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FY 2020



TABLE 8. SHIPMENT ROUTES FOR FY 2020

LOW-LEVEL, MIXED LOW-LEVEL & CLASSIFIED NON-RADIOACTIVE WASTE SHIPMENTS TO/ON THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE																									
Fiscal Year 2020																									
Route Type	Route Description	Route Legend	Total Shipments by Route	Origin State>>	CA	ID	ID	ID	MD	NM	NM	NV	NV	NY	NY	OH	OH	TN, WA, FL	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TX	
				Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Idaho National Laboratory - AMWTP	Idaho National Laboratory - Battelle Energy Alliance	Idaho National Laboratory - Fluor Idaho	Peducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant	Aberdeen Proving Ground	Los Alamos National Laboratory	Sandia National Laboratories	Mission Support and Test Services	Navarro	Brookhaven National Laboratory	West Valley	Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant	DIUF6 Conversion Project	Perma-Fix	Energy Solutions	Nuclear Fuel Services	Oak Ridge Reservation (UCOR)	Oak Ridge National Laboratory - UT Battelle	TRU Waste Processing Center	Pentex	
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-93, AZ-68, NV-163, US-95, NV-164, I-15, NV-160, US-95		406						2	5	11	2				26	1	8	13	7	316	6	4	5	
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-93, AZ-68, NV-163, US-95, NV-164, I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		9							9															
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-95, NV-164, I-15, NV-160, US-95		49			17			6	19										3	4				
SOUTHERN	I-40, US-95, NV-164, I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		2							2															
CALIFORNIA	I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		59	10														49							
SOUTHERN	I-40, I-15, CA-127, NV-373, US-95		9	4				2														3			
SOUTHERN	I-40, I-15, NV-160, US-95		2	2																					
NORTHERN	US-6, US-95 (TTR)		3									1	2												
NORTHERN	I-80, US-93-ALT, US-6, US-95		36			10	2								21			2				1			
NORTHERN	US-93, US-6, US-95		91		27	28	20											16							
NORTHERN	US-50, US-6/50, US-6, US-95		1											1											
ON-SITE	On-Site Shipments	N/A	18										18												
Total Shipments by Generator>>>				685	16	27	55	22	2	8	35	11	21	2	1	21	26	1	75	13	10	320	10	4	5
Total Volume (ft³) by Generator>>>				459,644	22,871	21,479	37,937	11,589	4,759	3,621	24,607	6,103	5,367	2,159	482	23,561	19,971	1,535	49,564	11,766	6,743	182,180	10,524	7,266	5,558

*There were no transloaded shipments this quarter

FIGURE 2. ROUTES TRAVELLED TO THE NNSS IN FY 2020



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3.0 INCIDENT/ACCIDENT DATA

For the purpose of this report, incidents and accidents are defined as follows:

- **Incident:** An 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 (American National Standards Institute N14.27)
- **Accident:** An occurrence involving a commercial motor vehicle operating on a highway in interstate or intrastate commerce that 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 vehicle(s) to be transported away from the scene by a tow truck or other motor vehicle (49 CFR 390.5[1])

Waste generators and carriers are dedicated to ensuring an appropriate response to all offsite transportation events involving DOE radioactive materials. In a memo to all waste generator sites on October 17, 2016, the Director of DOE Office of Packaging and Transportation and the NNSA/NFO Assistant Manager for Environmental Management established notification criteria to provide additional clarity to the requirements in the NNSSWAC. This reporting is consistent with DOE Manual 460.2-1, and will help to ensure the following:

- Receiving timely notification of all offsite transportation events to assure adequate response resources are assigned
- Notifying appropriate field response personnel and/or resources (including field sites, Radiological Assistance Program teams, and state and tribal contacts) if they have not already been engaged
- Having all potentially involved personnel prepared to respond to inquiries from the media, elected officials, or the public

Waste generators are instructed to notify NNSS Operations Command Center (OCC) whenever a discrepancy, non-compliance, or inadequate performance or if a transportation incident (including law enforcement directives requiring rerouting) or emergency situation occurs. OCC must be notified no later than one hour after the route deviation/incident with specific details.

MSTS, a contractor to NNSA/NFO, controls NNSS waste receipt and disposal activities and is responsible for notifying appropriate personnel regarding shipping discrepancies, incidents, or accidents.

There were no transportation incidents or accidents in the fourth quarter of FY 2020.

For the FY 2020 period, there were no transportation incidents or accidents.

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4.0 EVALUATION OF SHIPPING CAMPAIGNS

This section contains a summary of the annual shipping campaigns with respect to the significance of the packaging or transportation incidents or accidents reported in Section 3.0 of this report. Waste generators must ensure that waste is packaged and transported in a safe and compliant manner as detailed in the NNSWAC and DOT regulations. Generators and their contracted shipping carriers must be diligent with regard to all requirements including packaging, routing, and shipping documentation.

The NNS Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program (RWAP) provides oversight of NNS waste generators for compliance with DOT regulations and the NNSWAC, including Section 6.0 of the NNSWAC, Waste Transportation and Receipt. All RWAP-identified findings and observations on waste generator performance are tracked and trended.

Findings are issued by RWAP personnel to identify, track, and resolve deficiencies that violate the NNSWAC, including failure to follow DOT requirements. Observations are also issued by RWAP 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 findings are reported.

There were no transportation-related findings in the fourth quarter of FY 2020.

For the FY 2020 period, there were no transportation-related findings.

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