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NSTEC RECEIVES SAFETY RECERTIFICATION FOR 5TH STRAIGHT YEAR

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – National Security Technologies (NSTec), the management and operating contractor for the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), continues to conduct some of the nation’s most important national security work in the safest manner possible as recognized by consecutive safety awards from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The DOE each year recognizes safety at its locations across the United States through its Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), which was created in January 1994 to recognize and encourage excellence in occupational safety and health protection. The program closely parallels the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) VPP.

In February 2015, the company participated in a two-week recertification review as required, and in August 2015 it was announced that NSTec has again been awarded the VPP Superior Star for the fifth consecutive year.

“I am very happy that we have again been recognized,” NSTec President Ray Juzaitis said. “We are strongly committed to safety in all the company’s operations, and this honor validates that our safety programs continue to move in the right direction.”

The VPP Superior Star award shows the company has demonstrated a consistently superior level of performance in meeting established safety and health goals, conducting outreach and achieving an injury and illness rate significantly below the average for similar operation.

DOE-VPP also includes coverage of radiation protection/nuclear safety and emergency management because of the type and complexity of DOE facilities. Much like the OSHA program, DOE-VPP provides several proven benefits to participating sites, including improved labor/management relations, reduced workplace injuries and illnesses, increased employee involvement, improved morale, reduced absenteeism, and public recognition.

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National Security Technologies LLC (NSTec) is dedicated to devising integrated solutions and forging new partnerships at the Nevada National Security Site and its related facilities and laboratories for the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Field Office. NSTec strives to meet customer needs through strategic vision, exemplary service, and best-in-class tools to achieve missions including Stockpile Stewardship, Global Security, and Environmental Management. For more information on NSTec, visit our website at www.nstec.com, or visit us on Facebook.

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During their time at NSTec, the DOE VPP Headquarters review team visited several work locations, interviewed employees and conducted document reviews. In recognition of the importance for management commitment as well as employee involvement, interviews were conducted with the NSTec President, Vice President, Directors, as well as personnel from throughout the company at numerous work locations.

The DOE Headquarters Team provided kudos for a series of topics, including: confined space mockup facility; demonstration board to practice lockout/tagout; use of noise makes to deter birds from gathering in structures; organizational learning/outreach; hoisting and rigging practices; Great Catch program; and wellness activities. A series of suggestions were also offered regarding enhancement of job hazard analysis documentation, examining options to complete required reading, use of performance indicators, and placement of eye wash stations as a best management practice.

Contractors that choose to apply to the VPP must develop robust safety and health management systems and demonstrate effective implementation of safety and health procedures. These contractors are subject to frequent DOE reviews.

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