



NEVADA DIVISION OF  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION**

**STATE OF NEVADA**  
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Brian Sandoval, Governor  
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Dear Resident:

① **Una versión en español** de este documento también está disponible en el sitio web [www.nert-trust.com](http://www.nert-trust.com) o al contactar a James Dotchin (JD) por teléfono (702-486-2850 x 235) o por correo electrónico ([jdotchin@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jdotchin@ndep.nv.gov)).

I am writing to you because you live near an area being investigated by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). You are not at risk, but I want to inform you about our ongoing work and respond to concerns you may have. Clean-up of the environment is part of NDEP's mission to preserve and enhance the environment of the State in order to protect public health, sustain healthy ecosystems, and contribute to a vibrant economy.

We are investigating how pollutants from property formerly owned by Tronox and Kerr-McGee have affected the Las Vegas Wash and nearby soil and water. NERT — short for the Nevada Environmental Response Trust — now owns the former Tronox/Kerr-McGee property (NERT Site) and is in charge of the investigation.

The inspection covers three main areas:

- The NERT Site
- Unincorporated parts of Clark County
- Land in Henderson between the NERT Site and the Las Vegas Wash

**See the back of this packet for a map of these areas.**

The main chemical we are concerned about is perchlorate, which was made at the NERT Site before 1998. Perchlorate is used to produce rocket fuel, missiles, fireworks, flares, and explosives. Another chemical of concern is chromium, which was also used on the NERT Site.

I have attached a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) with details about these chemicals and the history of the NERT Site. These questions were asked during prior community outreach surveys and meetings. I have also included a fact sheet that describes the NERT Site and our plan for cleaning it up.

Lastly, I want to personally thank you if you completed our questionnaire or attended one of our public meetings last year. My colleagues and I appreciate your input, questions, and concerns.

If you have any questions about our investigation or questions not answered in this packet, please contact me at **(702) 486-2850 x 235** or [jdotchin@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jdotchin@ndep.nv.gov). For concerns related to your health, I encourage you to see your health care professional.

Sincerely,

James (JD) Dotchin  
Chief Environmental Programs  
Bureau of Industrial Site Cleanup  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

**Learn more about the site**

**View official files at our office:**

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Contact Christa Smaling at 702-486-2850 x 254 or [csmaling@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:csmaling@ndep.nv.gov) to schedule a file review. Please tell us a day in advance if you want to review files at our office.

**Read about our efforts online:**

- [www.NERT-Trust.com](http://www.NERT-Trust.com)
- [ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex/nevada-environmental-response-trust-nerf](http://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex/nevada-environmental-response-trust-nerf)

**For info about other, unrelated cleanups** within the Black Mountain Industrial complex:

- [ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex](http://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex)
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- James I. Gibson Library — 100 W. Lake Mead Parkway
- Paseo Verde Library — 280 S. Green Valley Parkway
- Green Valley Library — 2797 N. Green Valley Parkway
- Heritage Park Senior Center Library — 300 S. Racetrack Road