



Steve Sisolak, Governor Bradley Crowell, Director Greg Lovato, Administrator

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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 o al contactar a James Dotchin (JD) por teléfono (702-486-2850 x 235) o por correo electrónico (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. Cleanup 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 responsible for the investigation.

The investigation 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 hexavalent chromium, which was also used on the NERT Site.

I have attached a fact sheet that describes the NERT Site and our plan for cleaning it up. We update and distribute these on an annual basis to keep you up-to-date on cleanup status.

I also want to personally thank you if you completed our questionnaires or attended one of our public meetings concerning the NERT Site. My colleagues and I appreciate your input, questions, and concerns. We anticipate scheduling our next community meeting in late 2020 and will send a letter at that time with additional details.

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. For concerns related to your health, I encourage you to see your health care professional.

Sincerely

James (JD) Dotchin

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# 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 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
- <a href="https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex/nevada-environmental-response-trust-nert">https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex/nevada-environmental-response-trust-nert</a>

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

• <a href="https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex">https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/site-cleanup-program/active-cleanup-sites/bmi-complex</a>

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- 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