



NEVADA DIVISION OF
**ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

STATE OF NEVADA
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Dear Resident:

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.

NDEP has communicated ongoing work at the NERT Site and surrounding areas in fact sheets since 2007. Since 2011, NDEP has updated the fact sheets each year and mailed them to the public. Attached is Fact Sheet #10, which provides an overview of 2020 activities at the NERT Site and NDEP's progress towards cleaning up contamination related to the NERT Site. Fact sheets from years prior to 2020 contain additional background on the NERT Site and may be viewed at www.NERT-Trust.com.

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 before 1998.

I also want to personally thank you if you completed our past questionnaires or attended one of our prior public meetings concerning the NERT Site. My colleagues and I appreciate your input, questions, and concerns. We anticipate scheduling our next community meeting upon NDEP's approval of the report that documents the results of the investigation at the NERT Site and areas immediately north and east of the NERT Site. We 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) 668-3914 or jdotchin@ndep.nv.gov. For concerns related to your health, I encourage you to see your health care professional.

Sincerely,

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Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

Learn more about the NERT Site

View official files at our office:

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Contact Christa Smaling at 702-668-3931 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

<https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/black-mountain-industrial-bmi-complex/nevada-environmental-response-trust-nert>

For info about other, unrelated cleanups within the Black Mountain Industrial (BMI) complex:

<https://ndep.nv.gov/environmental-cleanup/black-mountain-industrial-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