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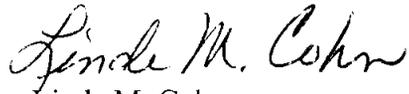
SITE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SWEIS) FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE NEVADA TEST SITE (NTS) AND OFF-SITE LOCATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508 and 10 CFR Part 1021, respectively), the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency within DOE, is preparing a SWEIS (DOE/EIS–0426) for the continued operation of DOE/NNSA activities at the NTS and certain off-site locations in the state of Nevada (the Remote Sensing Laboratory at Nellis Air Force Base, the DOE/NNSA campus in North Las Vegas, Tonopah Test Range, and certain environmental remediation sites on the Nevada Test and Training Range). As part of the SWEIS and in compliance with CEQ NEPA regulations, NNSA will address cumulative environmental impacts that may be anticipated from each of the alternatives that will be addressed. This letter is to request information regarding any action(s) undertaken by your organization since 1996 and/or reasonably foreseeable future actions that may be undertaken within the area identified on the enclosed map.

CEQ at 40 CFR 1508.7 defines cumulative impact as “the impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (Federal or non-Federal) or person undertakes such other actions.” That definition also states that “cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time.” For this reason, NNSA Nevada Site Office requests descriptions of your organization’s actions that may contribute to cumulative impacts in the region, including those that may seem minor. If a NEPA (or equivalent) analysis has been conducted for an action,

please provide a copy of the appropriate document, or a link to a website where that document may be found.

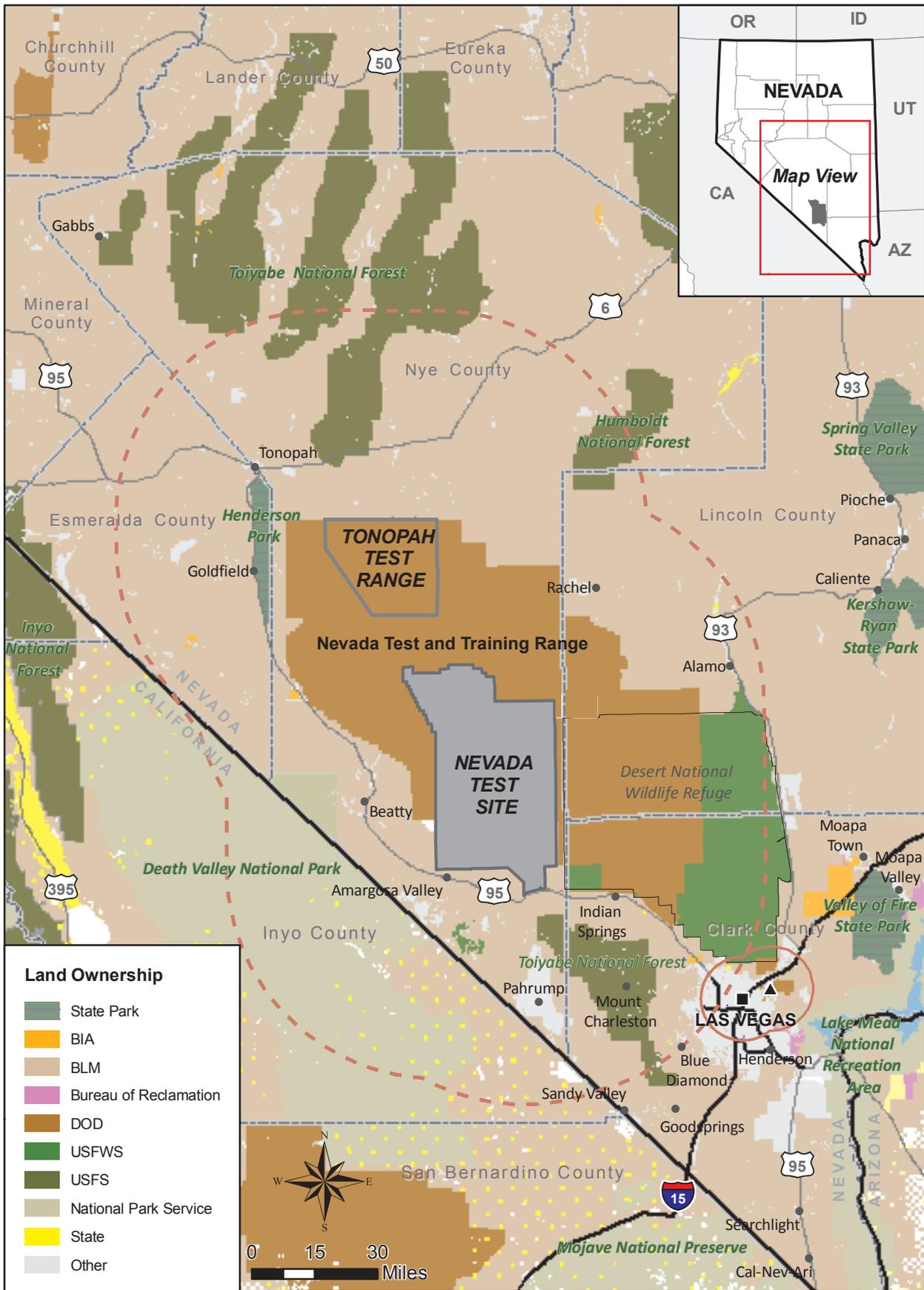
Your assistance in preparing the NTS SWEIS is appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact me at (702) 295-0077 or cohn1@nv.doe.gov. Either Mr. Michael Skougard or Ms. Sandy Enyeart will be contacting you to follow-up on cumulative impacts.


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Cumulative Impacts Study Area for the Nevada Test Site Sitewide Environmental Impact Statement