

Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act gave NNSA the authority to protect facilities from unauthorized unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) that could pose threats to the safety or security of assets and personnel.

No Drone Zones

NNSA can detect, identify, track, and mitigate unauthorized and malicious UAS at its sites. The Federal Aviation Administration has established “no drone zones” at NNSA facilities. The flight restriction extends up to 400 feet over designated sensitive sites. If a UAS poses a threat, security personnel are authorized to disrupt the system, seize or exercise control, confiscate, or use reasonable force to disable, damage, or destroy the UAS.

NNSA continuously evaluates the security posture for all its facilities and adjusts as needed.



Restricted Sites



Public Outreach

NNSA has coordinated with federal, state, and local law enforcement, other government agencies, airfields, hospitals, and emergency operations centers to establish appropriate agreements regarding these restrictions. NNSA sites have proactively informed local communities to give fair warning to local flight operators.



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