



INL Site Environmental Management

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**Idaho National Laboratory Site
Environmental Management Citizen
Advisory Board (INL Site EM CAB)**

**Presentation to the
Environmental Management
Advisory Board**

**Willie Preacher, Chair
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INL Site EM CAB Mission

- **The INL Site EM CAB provides advice, information, and recommendations to DOE on issues affecting the Environmental Management program including: cleanup standards and environmental restoration, waste management and disposition, excess facilities, and future land use and long-term stewardship.**
- **The CAB was formed in 1994 and consists of 12 to 15 members who represent a wide variety of key perspectives on issues of relevance to Idaho citizens.**
- **The INL Site EM CAB's membership is carefully considered to reflect a diversity of viewpoints in the affected community and region. Members include natural resource users; former INL workers; representatives of local government, health care, labor, higher education, and business; and the general public. One member represents the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.**



INL Site EM CAB Organization

- **CAB Chair – Willie Preacher (Blackfoot, ID)**
- **CAB Vice Chair – Nicki Karst (Idaho Falls, ID)**
- **Deputy Designated Federal Officer – Jim Cooper (DOE-ID)**
- **Federal Coordinator – Bob Pence (DOE-ID)**
- **Liaison Members:**
 - **Dennis Faulk (EPA)**
 - **Susan Burke (State of Idaho, Dept. of Environmental Quality)**
 - **Daryl Koch (State of Idaho, Dept. of Environmental Quality)**
 - **Mark Lindholm (Idaho Cleanup Project)**



Organization (continued)

- Robert Bodell (Idaho Falls, ID)
- Herb Bohrer (Springfield, ID)
- Sean Cannon (Rexburg, ID)
- Harrison Gerstlauer (Blackfoot, ID)
- Harry Griffith (Sun Valley, ID)
- Kristen Jensen (American Falls, ID)
- Mark Luper (Challis, ID)
- Betsy McBride (Boise, ID)
- Bill Roberts (Pocatello, ID)
- Tami Sherwood (Idaho Falls, ID)
- Teri Tyler (Idaho Falls, ID)



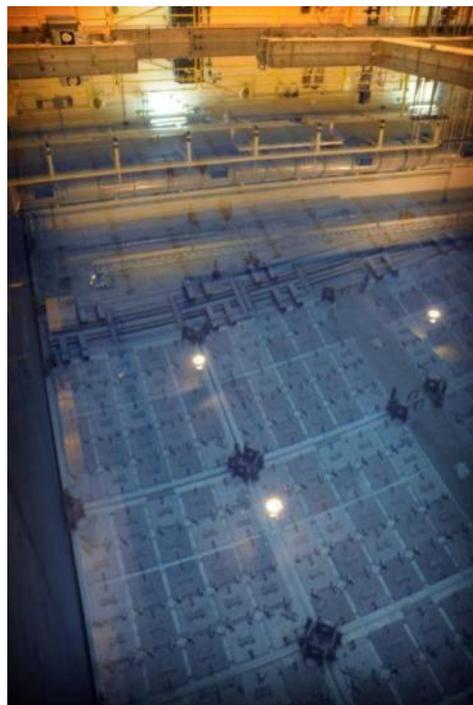


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Recommendations

Over its years, the CAB has issued over 150 recommendations and letters of advice. Our recommendations can be viewed on our website:

<http://inlcab.energy.gov/>





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Top Issues for INL Site EM CAB

Progress on Cleanup.

The INL successfully leveraged American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding to accelerate cleanup activities.



The CAB would like to maintain this accelerated pace, but realizes it may not be possible due to funding. The CAB will be following this issue to make sure funding will continue to support the INL Site cleanup obligations.



Top Issues (continued)

Meet Settlement Agreement milestones for removal of waste from Idaho.

The Settlement Agreement covers commitments between the DOE, the U.S. Navy, and the State of Idaho for disposition of transuranic waste, high-level waste, and spent nuclear fuel.

- **Transuranic and alpha-contaminated waste**

- Remove by target date of 2015, no later than 2018

- **High-level waste**

- Treated and ready for shipment by 2035

- **Spent nuclear fuel**

- Remove by 2035

The CAB follows these commitments and DOE's progress toward meeting them. We continue to emphasize the urgency of a solution for disposition of high-level waste.

In order to meet the 2035 date, many intertwined issues such as treatment, waste form, packaging, transportation, and final disposition must be resolved. These issues will all require extensive stakeholder involvement to achieve the best solutions.



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Top Issues (continued)

Protect Idaho's resources: aquifer, cultural historic.

The INL Site sits atop the Snake River Plain Aquifer, a major source of drinking water for Idaho. The INL is also home to many cultural and historic sites and resources.

The CAB appreciates the unique and special character of INL resources and supports efforts to preserve and protect them.





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Top Issues (continued)

Public involvement is critical to achieving success.

The monetary value of the time spent and recommendations submitted by the CAB to DOE-EM decision makers is incalculable. Minimal dollars are spent on administration and support.

The DOE receives a huge return in creative solutions and community outreach for the cleanup programs locally and complex-wide.

