

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary

Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office

June 20, 2019-October 24, 2019

Compiled for the October 24, 2019 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Formal Public Interaction

- **October 24: Idaho Cleanup Project Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting:** DOE and Fluor Idaho ICP personnel participated in the CAB meeting held in Jackson, Wyoming.
- **May 31, 2019:** Legal Notice and Proof of Publication in the Idaho Falls, Idaho Post Register for the Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) with a Request for Temporary Authorization (RTA) for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (HWMA/RCRA) Permit for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) on the Idaho National Laboratory. The PMR/RTA includes addition of controls and equipment necessary to safely process waste that potentially contains pyrophoric radionuclides.
- **June 25: Public Mail-out:** A mail-out announcing an AMWTP Class 2 Permit Modification Request to address administrative and engineered controls and emergency equipment to support conditioning of potentially pyrophoric radionuclides was sent to interested members of the public.
- **July 1: Idaho Cleanup Project Tour:** Idaho Governor Brad Little's staff, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's staff, and an Idaho Settlement Agreement coordinator for Idaho Department of Environmental Quality toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Complex, AMWTP, and Radioactive Waste Management Complex.
- **July 8: Public Comment Period Closed:** The public comment period on proposed modifications to the hazardous waste storage and treatment facility partial permit for the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Complex Liquid Waste Management System closed. The permit modifications address design and operation changes to Integrated Waste Treatment Unit.
- **July 17: Idaho Cleanup Project Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the completion of the Mound box campaign. The Associated Press and local media covered the story.
- **July 23-24: Emergency Management Press Conference:** U.S. Department of Energy and Fluor Idaho representatives participated in two press conferences to discuss the status of the Sheep Fire.
- **July 30- 31: Angie Giancarlo, HEWD Staffer, Tour:** Angie Giancarlo, a staffer for the House Energy and Water Development Committee, toured the Advanced

Mixed Waste Treatment Project, Accelerated Retrieval Project, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Complex, and the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit.

- **August 6: Senator Risch Staffer Tour:** Four staffers from the office of U.S. Senator Jim Risch toured the Radioactive Waste Management Complex, the Accelerated Retrieval Project, the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Complex, and the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit.
- **August 20: Accelerated Retrieval Project V Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing that crews had completed the remaining waste treatment in the Accelerated Retrieval Project V facility. The Idaho Falls Post Register, Weapons Complex Monitor, and LocalNews8 ran stories about the project completion.
- **August 27: Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the successful demonstration run at Integrated Waste Treatment Unit and the upcoming modifications to the facility.
- **August 28: Public Meeting:** A public meeting was held in Idaho Falls to discuss the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project Class 2 Permit Modification Request to address administrative and engineered controls and emergency equipment to support conditioning of potentially pyrophoric radionuclides.
- **September 3: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the completion of the design for the Subsurface Disposal Area cover.
- **September 9-10: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Tour:** The chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board and an associated engineer toured Idaho Cleanup Project facilities.
- **September 9-11: Energy Communities Alliance Cleanup Workshop:** Representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy and Fluor Idaho attended the Energy Communities Alliance Cleanup Workshop in Alexandria, Virginia.
- **September 10: Workforce Restructuring Update:** Fluor Idaho issued a statement announcing that an involuntary separation action would not be necessary following the completion of the voluntary separation action. The Idaho Falls Post Register, Weapons Complex Monitor, and LocalNews8 ran stories.
- **September 23: HWMA/RCRA Permit, Volume 18 - Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) with a Request for Temporary Authorization (RTA):** A letter announcing Class 2 PMR/RTA was mailed to citizens on the mailing list. The letter also announced an October 30 public meeting in Idaho Falls, and the 60-day public comment period that will end November 19, 2019. The PMR/RTA provides for moving the Sludge Repack Project from WMF-1617 (ARP-V) to WMF-1619 (ARPV-II). The PMR includes controls developed to prevent events similar to the ARP-V drum over-pressurization event of April 11, 2018.

- **September 25: Waste Isolation Pilot Plant 500th Shipment:** The Carlsbad Current Argus ran a front-page story about Idaho's 500th shipment to WIPP since the New Mexico facility reopened. The article was based on a story included in the *EM Update Newsletter*.
- **October 2: LINE Commission Meeting:** Jack Zimmerman gave a status update on the Idaho Cleanup Project to the State of Idaho's Leadership in Nuclear Energy (LINE) Commission in Sun Valley.
- **October 3: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the completion of the Argonne Fast Source Reactor removal from the Materials and Fuels Complex. LocalNews8 ran a story on their evening news.
- **October 7: Media Advisory:** Fluor Idaho sent a media advisory to reporters inviting them to the October 10 AMWTP commemoration event. The Post Register and LocalNews8 attended.
- **October 9-10: Office of Environmental Management Tour:** The Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Science overseeing the Office of Environmental Management and the Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations toured all ICP facilities.
- **October 15: EM Update articles:** The Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project was the focus of the October 15 edition of *EM Update Newsletter*. Highlights included the original mission of the facility, employee innovations, specialized equipment, the October 10 commemoration event, employee reflections, the facility's legacy, its continued shipping mission, and planning for the eventual closure of the facility.
- **October 22-24: Energy Facility Contractors Group Safety Culture Workshop:** Representatives from the Department Of Energy and Fluor Idaho participated in the 2019 EFCOG Safety Culture Workshop in Idaho Falls.

Additional Community Interaction

- **October 10: AMWTP Commemoration Event:** DOE and Fluor Idaho sponsored a commemoration event at the AMWTP to recognize the upcoming completion of the transuranic waste debris treatment mission. Idaho Governor Brad Little, Lt. Governor Janice McGeachin, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Director John Tibbets, Congressional staffers, Idaho Falls Mayor Rebecca Casper, and representatives from the DOE Headquarters Office of Environmental Management attended the event to thank the 400+ employees for their commitment to complete the waste treatment mission in support of the Idaho Settlement Agreement.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction

- **October 28-30: EM Site Specific Advisory Board Chairs Meeting and Tour:** The EM SSAB Chairs will tour the Idaho Cleanup Project and hold a meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho.
- **October 30: Public Meeting:** A public meeting will be held at the Idaho Falls Public Library at 6 p.m. to discuss the Volume 18 Class 2 Permit Modification Request/Request for Temporary Authorization for the Radioactive Waste Management Complex/ARP to allow sludge waste reprocessing operations to be moved from ARP V to ARP VII. The PMR includes controls developed to prevent events similar to the ARP-V drum over-pressurization event of April 11, 2018.
- **November 20: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality INL Oversight Program Tour:** Members of the IDEQ INL Oversight Program will tour ICP facilities.
- **1st Quarter Calendar Year 2020: ICP Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting:** Date, time, and location to be determined. Information will be posted on the ICP CAB website.