



Idaho Cleanup Project Blue Ribbon Commission Report Implementation Plan Update

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Blue Ribbon Commission Origin and Purpose

- Established by the President's Memorandum for the Secretary of Energy on January 29, 2010
- Charge to the Commission: Conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle and recommend a new strategy
- Deliver recommendations to the Secretary of Energy by January 29, 2012 (COMPLETE January 26, 2012)



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BRC Recommendations (emphasis on first three)

1. A new, consent-based approach to siting and development
2. A new organization dedicated solely to implementing the waste management program and empowered with the authority and resources to succeed
3. Access to the funds nuclear utility ratepayers are providing for the purpose of nuclear waste management
4. Prompt efforts to develop one or more geologic disposal facilities



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BRC Recommendations Continued

5. Prompt efforts to develop one or more consolidated storage facilities
6. Prompt efforts to prepare for the eventual large scale transport of spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste to consolidated storage and disposal facilities when such facilities become available
7. Support for continued U.S. innovation in nuclear energy technology and for workforce development
8. Active U.S. leadership in international efforts to address safety, waste management, nonproliferation, and security concerns



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Commission Opinion*: **Proposed Legislative Changes**

Fully implementing these recommendations will require changes to the NWPA or other legislation to:

- Establish a new facility siting process
- Authorize consolidated interim storage facilities
- Broaden support to jurisdictions affected by transportation
- Establish a new waste management organization
- Ensure access to dedicated funding
- Promote international engagement to support safe and secure waste management

***Webinar Briefing — February 7, 2012 on the Final Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future by Mr. John Kotek, Staff Director, Blue Ribbon Commission**



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Status of DOE Response to BRC Recommendations

- The Department is currently evaluating the recommendations of the BRC regarding long-term waste storage and disposal;
- Repository and interim storage sites will be considered in accordance with a consent-based process as outlined by the BRC;
- The Administration's strategy on these matters is expected to be delivered to Congress by the end of July 2012.
- Once the strategy is submitted to Congress, the CAB may be briefed at a future meeting.



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