

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office July 2010- September 2010

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Formal Public Interaction

- **July 14: INL Citizens Advisory Board Meeting :** Idaho Falls, ID
- **August 3: Public Comment Period Opened:** The U.S. Department of Energy announced that it was seeking public comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Idaho National Laboratory Radiological Response Training Range.
- **August 16: Butte County Briefing:** The newly appointed Idaho Site Manager, Rick Provencher, and representatives from the Idaho Cleanup Project and the Idaho National Laboratory met with officials from Butte County to discuss the current status of the ICP and the INL.
- **September 2: Shoshone Bannock Tribal Council Briefing:** The newly appointed Idaho Site Manager, Rick Provencher, and representatives from the Idaho Cleanup Project and the Idaho National Laboratory met with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council to discuss the current status of the ICP and the INL and what the success of the Idaho Cleanup Project means for the future of the INL.
- **September 2: INL Multipurpose Haul Road Contract Award:** The Department of Energy notified Doyon Project Services that they had been selected as the winning contractor for the design and construction of the Multipurpose Haul Road located at the Idaho National Laboratory.
- **September 4: Public Comment Period Closed:** The 30 day public comment period for the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Idaho National Laboratory Radiological Response Training Range (RRTR). The RRTR will be used to train personnel, conduct exercises, and support technology evaluation and demonstrations in support of the national technical nuclear forensic and radiological emergency response programs. The RRTR is needed to provide the capability to prepare emergency responders to effectively characterize and work in an environment that safely simulates scenarios they would likely encounter in responding to a radiological incident.
- **September 7: Carlsbad Field Office Manager Transition Announcement:** The Department of Energy announced that Dr. Dave Moody has been selected to lead DOE's Office of Environmental Management at the Savannah River Site. Moody has served as DOE Carlsbad Field Office manager, which oversees the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), since December 2005. It was also announced that

during the transition period, Ed Ziemianski, Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition at the Idaho Site, had been selected to serve as interim acting manager of the Carlsbad Field Office.

- **September 13: Secretary's Visit:** Energy Secretary Steven Chu visited the Idaho Site for meetings and briefings on Idaho Cleanup Project and Idaho National Laboratory programs. He also met with local reporters during his visit.
- **September 21: Idaho Falls Mayor and City Council Briefing:** The newly appointed Idaho Site Manager, Rick Provencher, and representatives from the Idaho Cleanup Project and the Idaho National Laboratory met with the Mayor of Idaho Falls and City Council to discuss the current status of the Idaho Cleanup Project and the Idaho National Laboratory, and what the success of the Idaho Cleanup Project means for the future of the INL.

Additional Community Interaction

- **August 17th: Twin Falls-Times News Site Tour:** Three employees of the Twin Falls Times-News and one Twin Falls science teacher toured Idaho National Laboratory and Idaho Cleanup Project facilities.
- **August 25: Advanced Test Reactor Media Tour:** Several members of the local media toured the Advanced Test Reactor. The tour highlighted the mission and utility of the ATR and brought visitors to the main reactor floor and canal area.
- **September 14th: Wyoming Congressional Tour:** Two congressional staffers from Wyoming toured the Idaho Cleanup Project.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction

- **November 15th: IWTU Construction Substantially Complete Celebration:** This event will celebrate the Nitrogen system construction completion. The Nitrogen system will be used to test and verify the IWTU functionality.
- **November 16th: INL Citizens Advisory Board Meeting:** Idaho Falls, Idaho