

# **Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary**

## **Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office**

February 2022 – April 2022

*Compiled for the April 26, 2022, Idaho Citizens Advisory Board Meeting*

### **Formal Public Interaction**

- **March 3: Idaho Cleanup Project Update:** Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) Manager for DOE EM, Connie Flohr, participated in the Quarterly Idaho National Laboratory site briefing to the Shoshone Bannock, Fort Hall Business Council and staff.
- **March 6-10: Waste Management 2022 Symposia:** Representatives from the Idaho Environmental Coalition and the Department of Energy presented at the 2022 Waste Management Symposia. Presentations and posters focused on ICP accomplishments and best practices.
- **March 15, 2022: Notification of Approval of Class 1 Permit Modification Request:** Idaho Environmental Coalition, LLC, provided to the INL Mailing List, notification of approval of a Class 1 PMR for Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Final Partial Permits for units at the INTEC, RWMC ARP, and RWMC AMWTP Facilities. The purpose of the permit modification requests was to change the name of the operating contractor.
- **March 16: Class 3 Permit Modification Approval:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality issued the “Response to Comments and Final Decision for Class 3 Modification Request for the Hazardous Waste Partial Permit for the INTEC Liquid Waste Management System on the Idaho National Laboratory”. The permit modification became effective March 16. No appeals were received from a member of the public.
- **March 31: Interim Status Document Amendment Request:** The Department of Energy and Idaho Environmental Coalition, LLC, submitted a Closure Plan Amendment Request for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Transuranic Storage Area Interim Status Document.
- **April 19: Interim Status Document Amendment Approval:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality approved the Closure Plan Amendment Request for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Transuranic Storage Area Interim Status Document. Notification to the mailing list will occur within 90 days of approval.

### **Additional Community Interaction**

- **February 15: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on the many projects that will be undertaken by the ICP for 2022. The article was also linked on the ICP Facebook page.
- **February 22: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on the beginning of the confirmatory run for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). A press release was also issued.
- **March 1: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on the completion of Advanced Test Reactor spent nuclear fuel transfers from CPP-666 to CPP-603. A press release was also issued.
- **March 8: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article mentioned IWTU status among other EM priorities for 2022.
- **March 15: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on a Waste Management 2022 Symposium session highlighting the successes and challenges of the three liquid waste treatment facilities in the DOE Complex, including the IWTU.
- **March 15: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on the infrastructure improvements at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and how those enhancements will extend the life of the facility for waste disposal from throughout the DOE Complex, including Idaho.
- **March 30: *EM News Flash*:** An *EM News Flash* was released to recognize the completion of the buried waste exhumation project. A press release was also issued. Articles ran in newspapers throughout the U.S.
- **March: Facebook Post:**
  - A video on the history of buried waste and the completion of targeted waste exhumation was posted to the ICP's Facebook page.
- **April 5: *EM Update* issue:** The entire issue of *EM Update* was dedicated to the buried waste at the INL Site, including its history, environmental concerns, waste exhumation history, the Accelerated Retrieval Project, and the construction of the cover over the entire Subsurface Disposal Area. This was also linked on the ICP's Facebook page.
- **April 12: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on EM Senior Advisor William "Ike" White's two-day visit to the INL Site.

- **April: Facebook Posts:**

- U.S. Congressman Mike Simpson (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District – Idaho) posted a congratulatory note to ICP employees for completing buried waste exhumation 18 months ahead of schedule. Also included in his post was a link to a Congressional Record statement.
- DOE-EM highlighted the completion of buried waste exhumation on its Facebook page.

**Upcoming Formal Public Interaction**

- **May: Operable Unit (OU) 3-13 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) public involvement:** A newspaper ad will run in the Idaho Falls *Post Register* to discuss an ESD to the OU 3-13 ROD and 30-day public comment period on the document. The ESD outlines the need to expand the Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility to accept additional contaminated soil and debris from onsite Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act projects. The ad will also provide a link to the ESD document posted to the Administrative Record. A virtual public meeting will be held to answer questions from the public.
- **July-August: DOE Programmatic Agreement Public Comment:** A 30-day public comment period will open for DOE's Programmatic Agreement for compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding INL Site undertakings. The Programmatic Agreement will be posted on the DOE Idaho Operations Office web page and availability will be announced in a newspaper ad in the Idaho Falls Post Register.