



Citizens Advisory Board
Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

**Implementation of the Department of Energy Long-Term
Stewardship Strategic Plan**

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) has reviewed pre-decisional draft, version 1.0 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Long-Term Stewardship Strategic Plan (dated December 7, 2001). The INEEL CAB is pleased with the draft Long-Term Stewardship Strategic Plan and the mission, vision, goals, and draft principles as presented. We particularly appreciate the fact that DOE has proposed a schedule for implementing the objectives outlined in the plan. We also appreciate the fact that the document reflects prior comments from the INEEL CAB and our sister Site Specific Advisory Boards.

We support your conclusion, inherent throughout the document, that the Department must commit to changing its own corporate culture to effectively perform its Long-Term Stewardship responsibilities. Corporate culture is very difficult to change, and such change requires consistent direction, strong leadership, and clear commitment from the very top of the organization.

The INEEL CAB recommends that DOE take the following steps to enable successful corporate change:

- The INEEL CAB recommends that you approve the Strategic Plan quickly and add “Implementation of the Long-Term Stewardship Plan” to your list of Key Environmental Management Goals/Priorities” dated November 19, 2001.
- The INEEL CAB recommends that you demonstrate your commitment to Long Term stewardship by taking action now to require that Long Term stewardship issues be analyzed in all documents that support decision making processes, including those that are prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.
- The INEEL CAB recommends that you further demonstrate your commitment to long-term stewardship by providing adequate funding to allow the program to be successful.