



Citizens Advisory Board
Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

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Long Term Stewardship Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives**

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) has reviewed the INEEL Draft Long-Term Stewardship Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives document. We appreciate the early opportunity to provide comments and the U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID)'s obvious interest in affording the public an appropriate role in this effort. We applaud the INEEL Long-Term Stewardship Program on this first step to develop a strategic approach for this important program at the local level.

The INEEL CAB recently reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's draft Long-Term Stewardship Strategic Plan and the mission, vision, goals, and draft principles and we were pleased with that document. The INEEL planning process appears to be following that effort in a complimentary fashion.

We respectfully submit the following suggestions for revised wording to strengthen, focus, and clarify the INEEL Long-Term Stewardship Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives. We also added provisions regarding funding and advocacy. (A redline, strike-out version of the original is attached for clarification, if needed.)

Section A "Vision for Long Term Stewardship at the INEEL"

Suggested wording: To assure that INEEL can be used by future generations safely and with adequate knowledge of residual contamination and to assure that current and future decisions reflect the continuing need to protect human and environmental health and conserve ecological and cultural resources for generations.

Section B "Mission of the Long Term Stewardship Program at INEEL"

Suggested wording: The mission of the INEEL long-term stewardship program is to: 1) protect workers, the public, and the environment from contact with post-remediation residual contamination, 2) monitor remediated sites on a long-term basis to assure that residual contaminants remain safely contained and to assess the integrity of containment mechanisms, and 3) persistently advocate for long-term stewardship.

Section C “Goals for long-term stewardship of the INEEL”

Suggested wording:

1. Incorporate long-term stewardship into the INEEL’s decision culture.
2. Understand the full scope and implications of our long-term stewardship responsibilities.
3. Maintain acceptable levels of risk by maintaining the protectiveness of the cleanup remedies and monitoring residual risks and the effectiveness of containment mechanisms.
4. Sustain knowledge of residual contamination in a manner that retains the relevance, accessibility, and viability of the information for stewards, decision-makers, affected parties, and stakeholders.
5. Sustain the ability to effectively conduct long-term stewardship activities.
6. Reduce the uncertainty and cost related to implementing long-term stewardship activities.
7. Advocate for guaranteed funding and develop funding mechanisms to support long term stewardship activities for their entire life cycle.

Section D. Strategic Objectives for INEEL Long Term Stewardship

Suggested wording:

1. Develop a comprehensive approach to identifying, understanding and managing the contamination left in place after cleanup of the INEEL.
2. Integrate consideration of long-term stewardship into existing and future INEEL decision-making processes and planning guidance.
3. Identify, acquire, and manage the economic, physical, and human resources necessary to conduct long-term stewardship of the INEEL.
4. Define long-term stewardship information needs and develop a long-term stewardship Information Management system for the INEEL that is consistent with the Department of Energy’s Information Management protocols, is accessible by stakeholders, and is complimentary of other INEEL information and data management systems.
5. Support public and stakeholder understanding of and participation in long-term stewardship.
6. Establish a mechanism for learning from the conduct of local and national long-term stewardship activities to improve future planning and implementation of long-term stewardship at the INEEL.
7. Develop sustainable funding mechanisms to support long term stewardship.

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Section B “Mission of the Long Term Stewardship Program at INEEL”

The mission of the INEEL long-term stewardship program is to prevent undesired contact between: 1) protect workers, the public, and the environment from contact with post-remediation residual contamination and the workers, public, and environment. contamination, 2) monitor remediated sites on a long-term basis to assure that residual contaminants remain safely contained and to assess the integrity of containment mechanisms, and 3) persistently advocate for long-term stewardship.

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