



IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT

Stakeholder Involvement

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- ◆ Before 1989, stakeholder involvement at DOE's Idaho Site centered around Environmental Impact Statement public hearings on proposed defense projects
 - Special Isotope Separation
 - New Production Reactor
- ◆ In 1989, the INL was added to the EPA's National Priorities List of Superfund Sites
 - DOE was required to develop a Community Relations Plan outlining how it intended to communicate with stakeholders
 - ◆ The document is periodically updated to reflect changing stakeholder priorities or refinements in stakeholder involvement activities
 - The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and EPA Region 10 committed to partner with DOE and contractors in conducting stakeholder involvement activities
 - ◆ Effectively began in 1991 and continues today

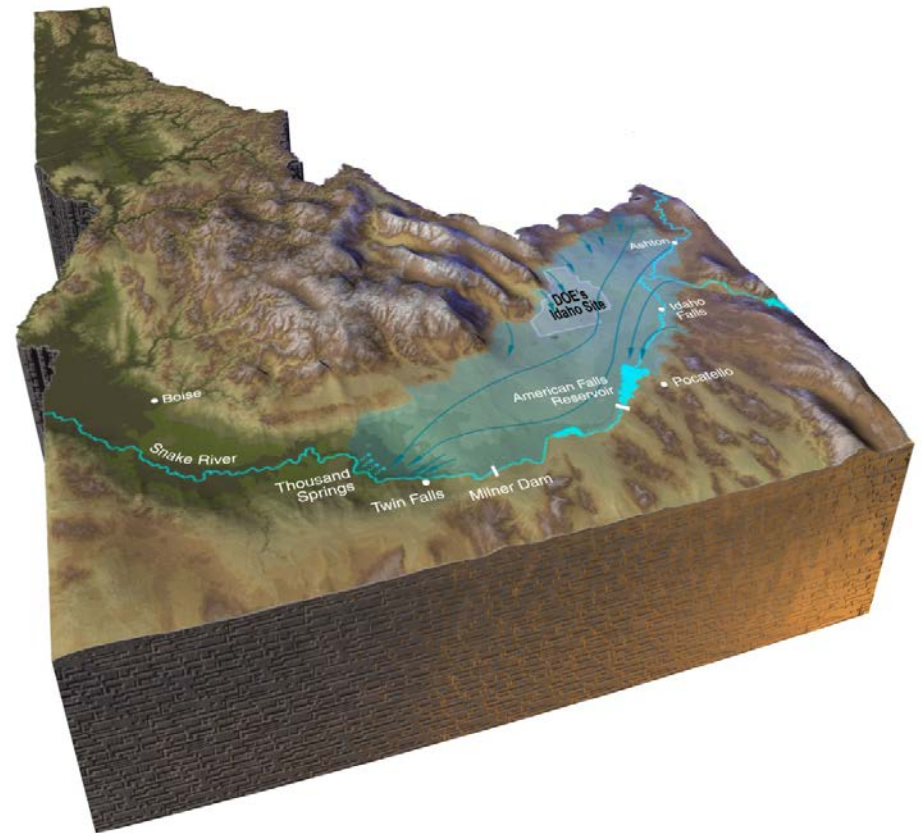
How do we communicate with stakeholders?

- ◆ **Community Relations Plan**
- ◆ **Citizens Advisory Board**
- ◆ **Scoping meetings**
- ◆ **Briefings**
- ◆ **Small group meetings**
- ◆ **Public meetings**
- ◆ **Workshops**
- ◆ **Public comments**
- ◆ **Telephone contacts**
- ◆ **Telephone interview**
- ◆ **Community interviews**
- ◆ **Presentations**
- ◆ **Site tours**
- ◆ **News conferences**



Primary concerns

- ◆ Protection of human health and the environment (i.e., the aquifer)
- ◆ Leaving waste in place (e.g., soil repository, buried waste)
- ◆ Accelerated cleanup
- ◆ DOE credibility and commitment to public involvement
- ◆ State and EPA involvement



What have we learned after more than 20 years?



- ◆ Meeting the minimum public involvement requirements are not enough
 - CWI has a policy of openness and partnerships with its stakeholders
 - Creates an environment of trust and confidence
- ◆ Active stakeholders want to be involved earlier (i.e., before the announcement of a public comment period)
- ◆ Involving stakeholders in the development of proposed cleanup plans benefits both the agencies and public
- ◆ The success of the cleanup program enables ongoing mission of the lab