

# **Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary**

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

June – October 2018

*Compiled for the October 25, 2018 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting*

### **Formal Public Interaction**

- **June 21: Idaho Cleanup Project Citizen’s Advisory Board Meeting:** Idaho Falls, Idaho
- **June 26: Idaho Cleanup Project Tour:** The DOE State and Tribal Government Working Group and National Governors Association Federal Facilities Task Force toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU), Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC), Experimental Breeder Reactor-I, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP), and Accelerated Retrieval Project (ARP) VII.
- **June 27: Permit Modification Approval:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved a Class 1 Permit Modification requiring prior approval for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (HWMA/RCRA) Permit. The modification adds Magnesium Oxide fire suppressant material to mitigate hazards presented by processing pyrophoric radionuclides in the boxlines. Individuals on the mailing list for HWMA/RCRA permitting activities at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory (INL) were notified.
- **July 24: Idaho Cleanup Project Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the resumption of work in gloveboxes following the June 5 puncture incident at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project.
- **Aug. 9:** Fluor Idaho backpack distribution and school supply drive day. Backpacks provided to 300 area low-income students.
- **August 14: Idaho Cleanup Project CAB Member Tour:** A member of the Idaho Cleanup Project Citizen’s Advisory Board toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, and Accelerated Retrieval Project.
- **August 20: Idaho Cleanup Project Economic Impact Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the completion of an economic impact study that showed the Idaho Cleanup Project contractor generated more than \$800 million in overall economic benefit to the state of Idaho last year.
- **August 23: Permit Modification Request Approved:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved a Class 1 HWMA/RCRA Permit Modification Request, for two new storage areas at INTEC to support Remote-

Handled Waste Disposition Project operations. Individuals on the mailing list for Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (HWMA/RCRA) permitting activities at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory were notified.

- **September 11: Resumption of Retrieval Operations Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing the resumption of retrieval operations at the ARP VIII facility following the April 11 ARP V drum pressurization event.
- **September 25: Idaho Lieutenant Governor Tour of IWTU:** Idaho Lt. Gov. and LINE 3.0 Commission Co-Chairman, Brad Little toured the IWTU and thanked staff for a successful demonstration run of the facility.
- **September 28: Public Comment Period Opens:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality posted for public comment, the draft HWMA/RCRA Permit re-application renewal for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP). The deadline for submitting comments is November 13, 2018, at 5 p.m. MST. A public meeting is scheduled November 7 at the Idaho Falls Shilo Inn.
- **October 10: LINE 3.0 Meeting:** Representatives from Fluor Idaho and the U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office participated in the LINE 3.0 meeting, giving updates about recent accomplishments at the Idaho Cleanup Project and the status of the ARP V event cause analysis.
- **October 25: Fluor Idaho News Release:** Idaho Cleanup Project contractor, Fluor Idaho issued a news release announcing the cause of the April 11 ARP V drum pressurization event and availability of the final ARP V Cause Analysis report.

#### **Additional Community Interaction**

- **July 20: Great Race for Education:** A Fluor Idaho team participated in Great Race for Education for College of Eastern Idaho.
- **July 23: Carlsbad Field Office Tour:** The DOE Carlsbad Field Office Manager and members of his staff toured the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and the Accelerated Retrieval Project.
- **July 25: Energy Solutions Tour:** A representative from Energy Solutions toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, and Accelerated Retrieval Project.
- **August 14: Senator Mike Crapo Staff Tour:** Two staffers from Sen. Mike Crapo's office toured the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit.
- **August 16: Snake River Alliance Tour:** Members of the Snake River Alliance toured Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, Idaho Nuclear Technology and

Engineering Center, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, and Accelerated Retrieval Project.

- **August 21: Los Alamos National Laboratory Tour: Employees from the** Los Alamos National Laboratory employees toured the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and the Accelerated Retrieval Project.
- **October 4: Idaho Conservation League Tour:** Members of the Idaho Conservation League toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, and Accelerated Retrieval Project.
- **October 10: Sen. Mike Crapo Staffer Tour:** Two members of Senator Mike Crapo’s staff toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project, and Accelerated Retrieval Project.
- **October 22: Butte County Commissioners Tour:** The Butte County Commissioners toured Integrated Waste Treatment Unit and the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center.
- **October 24: Legal Counsel Tour:** Legal counsel from the Civilian Nuclear Programs, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s office, toured the Idaho Nuclear Technology Engineering Center’s spent nuclear fuel facilities.
- **October 24: Idaho State University Nuclear Engineering Class Tour:** Students and the instructor of an Idaho State University Nuclear Engineering Class toured the Idaho Cleanup Project.

#### **Upcoming Formal Public Interaction**

- **November: Idaho Cleanup Project Tour:** Media tour of AMWTP, ARP, INTEC, and IWTU.
- **November 7: Public Meeting:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has scheduled a public meeting about the draft HWMA/RCRA Permit re-application renewal for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project.
- **November 13: Public Comment Period closes:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality public comment period on the draft HWMA/RCRA Permit re-application renewal for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) closes. A public meeting is scheduled November 7 at the Idaho Falls Shilo Inn.
- **November 2018: Public Comment Period opens:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will post the FY19 Site Treatment Plan for public comment for 30 days. Proposed extensions/modifications were made to the TRU processing milestones that would exceed one year, requiring a public comment period.

