

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary

Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office

February 27, 2020 – August 27, 2020

Compiled for the August 27, 2020 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Formal Public Interaction

- **February 28: Announcement of Five-Year Review Process:** An ad ran in the Idaho Falls *Post Register* and a Media Advisory was issued announcing the beginning of a review of past Records of Decision. This process occurs every five years.
- **February 28: Community Briefing:** Department of Energy employees representing the Idaho Cleanup Project briefed community representatives on the upcoming environmental cleanup contract.
- **February 27: Amendment Request:** An amendment request for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (HWMA/RCRA) Interim Status Document for the Transuranic Storage Area Retrieval Enclosure was released.
- **March 4, 2020: Public Notification:** A public notification was issued via the mailing list regarding a proposed update to the HWMA/RCRA Permit Closure plan for the WMF-1617 Facility at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex.
- **March 12: Amendment Request Approved:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality approved the DOE/Fluor Idaho Amendment Request for the HWMA/RCRA Interim Status Document for the Transuranic Storage Area Retrieval Enclosure
- **March 8-12: Waste Management 2020 Symposia:** Fluor Idaho and DOE-ID employees attended the Waste Management Symposia and gave presentations and presented posters on Idaho Cleanup Project projects and accomplishments.
- **March 18: Sens. Risch and Crapo Staffers Site Tour:** Fluor Idaho toured Sens. Risch and Crapo staff members to showcase cleanup progress.
- **April 27: Butte County Commissioners Briefing:** DOE, Fluor Idaho, and Battelle Energy Alliance briefed the Butte County Commissioners on project status and dealings with Butte County small businesses.
- **June 5: ICP Status Briefing:** Fluor Idaho briefed staffers for Congressman Mike Simpson and House Appropriations on the status of ICP projects.
- **June 10: ICP Status Briefing:** Fluor Idaho briefed staffers for Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo on the status of ICP projects.
- **June 15: Permit Modification:** The U.S. Department of Energy submitted to DEQ an Application for a Modification to the Synthetic Minor Sitewide Air Quality Permit to Construct (PTC) This application limits INL's potential to emit (PTE) to less than major facility limits for criteria air pollutants (CAPs), regulated under the Clean Air Act.

- **June 30: ICP Status Briefing:** Fluor Idaho briefed Gov. Brad Little and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden on the status of the Idaho Cleanup Project.
- **July 16: National Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Meeting:** The NRC held a public meeting to discuss the upcoming submittal of the license amendment for extension of the Idaho Spent Fuel Facility (ISFF) license (SNM-2512). The license amendment is being requested in lieu of a license renewal since no procurement of systems or components nor facility construction has occurred, additional public meetings will be held following the submittal of the extension approach and amendment request processing.
- **August 10: Butte County Commissioners Briefing:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Fluor Idaho, and Battelle Energy Alliance briefed the Butte County Commissioners on project status and charitable contributions to Butte County organizations.

Additional Community Interaction

- **March 17: EM Update Article:** EM and Fluor Idaho collaborated on a story for *EM Update* that gave a project status of three liquid waste treatment facility throughout the complex, including the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit.
- **April 25: Earth Day:** Fluor Idaho contributed to a video for Earth Day that was sent out by DOE-HQ.
- **June 16: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release on its first shipment of spent nuclear fuel to the Radioactive Scrap Waste Facility.
- **June 17: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release announcing that 300 employees, subcontractors, and family members participated in three COVID-19 immunity test clinics.
- **June 30: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release on the completion of “squeezeants” waste treatment at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project.
- **July 7: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release on its collaboration with Battelle Energy Alliance on spent nuclear fuel transfers directly from the Advanced Test Reactor to the spent nuclear fuel dry storage facility at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center.
- **July 21: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a press release about mixed low-level waste shipments offsite for permanent disposal and how those shipments contribute to meeting Idaho Settlement Agreement milestones.
- **August 18: Press Release:** Fluor Idaho issued a joint press release on its Mentor-Protégé Agreement with Idaho Falls small business MarCom.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction

- **Late Summer/Early Fall: Modification Request:** A modification request will be submitted for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (HWMA/RCRA) Interim Status Document for the treatment of sludge wastes at the AMWTP Treatment Facility.
- **September 2020: Submission of Extension Requests:** Site Treatment Plan extension requests will be submitted to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for consideration.
- **October 14: LINE Commission Meeting:** DOE and Fluor Idaho will participate in the LINE Commission meeting scheduled to be held in Idaho Falls.
- **November 2020:** The Site Treatment Plan Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2021 is expected to be released for 30-day public comment period.