

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary

Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office

August 2021-October 2021

Compiled for the October 21, 2021 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Formal Public Interaction

- **August 20: Leadership in Nuclear Energy Commission virtual meeting:** Idaho Cleanup Project Manager, Connie Flohr updated the LINE Commission on the status of Idaho Cleanup Projects.
- **September 2: Public Comment Period Closes:** The 30-day public comment period for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Site Treatment Plan milestone revision closed.
- **September 28: Public Notification:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality provided notification to the public of the intent to approve the Class 3 Permit Modification Request for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit. The notification initiated a 45- day public comment period which ends on November 12, 2021.
- **September 30: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Work Plan Update:** The updated RCRA work plan was posted on the external Idaho Cleanup Project website. The work plan includes proposed schedules for RCRA-regulated permitting and closure activities at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site and incorporates applicable amended Notice of Noncompliance/Consent Order (NON/CO) deadlines as well as proposed upcoming permit application, closure plan, and permit modification submittal dates.

Additional Community Interaction

- **August 22: Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) tour:** Fluor Idaho escorted Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA) employees and two video production personnel to spent nuclear fuel facilities at INTEC for a planned video production on nuclear power that will run on cable networks.
- **August 23: Facebook Post:** Fluor Idaho posted a brief article on the Idaho Cleanup Project Facebook page about employees contributing school supplies for students in need.
- **August 24: EM Roundup article:** An *EM Roundup* article ran on a Fluor Idaho intern who was supporting the Waste Management Program. In the feature, the intern talked about how much he has enjoyed his internship, particularly being a meaningful contributor tasked with developing drawings for the modification of the sodium distillation system at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center. EM

Roundup is sent to DOE personnel throughout the Department's environmental management complex.

- **September 2: Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center tour:** Twelve visitors representing the Idaho National Laboratory's National & Homeland Security organization toured INTEC facilities.
- **September 7: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on a two-time Fluor Idaho intern and recent Idaho State University graduate who was hired in the training program. The intern helped to expand virtual training across many site facilities.
- **September 20: Facebook post:** Fluor Idaho posted a brief article on the Idaho Cleanup Project Facebook page about the role of the Emergency Response Organization, which ensures the protection of employees, the public, and environment during onsite emergencies.
- **September 28: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on Fluor Idaho's sponsorship of STEAM Day at the Idaho Falls Zoo. The event stimulates students' interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.
- **October 5: Senator Crapo staff briefing and virtual tour:** DOE and Fluor Idaho provided Senator Mike Crapo's Legislative Assistant Kristen Siegele, and Regional Director, Kathryn Hitch an update on cleanup status as well as a virtual tour of Idaho Cleanup Project facilities and programs.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction

- **November 12: Public Comment period closes:** The 45-day public comment period regarding the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's intent to approve the Class 3 Permit Modification Request for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit closes.
- **November-December: Operable Unit (OU) 10-08 Record of Decision Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document ad:** A newspaper ad will run in the Idaho Falls *Post Register* to discuss an ESD to the OU 10-08 ROD due to unacceptable risks to cesium-137 at four sites. The ad will also provide a link to the Administrative Record ESD document.
- **November-December: Operable Unit (OU) 3-13 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) newspaper ad:** A newspaper ad will run in the Idaho Falls *Post Register* to discuss an ESD to the OU 3-13 ROD. The ESD outlines the need to expand the Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility to accept additional contaminated soil and debris from onsite Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act projects. The ad will also provide a link to the Administrative Record ESD document.