

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary

Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office

October 2021- February 2022

Compiled for the February 24, 2022, Virtual Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Formal Public Interaction

- **November 12: Public Comment Period Closes:** The 45-day public comment period closed on the Class 3 Permit Modification Request (PMR) for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit.
- **November 14: Operable Unit (OU) 10-08 Record of Decision Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document ad:** A newspaper ad ran in the Idaho Falls *Post Register* to discuss an ESD to the OU 10-08 ROD due to risks at four cesium-137 contaminated sites. The ad also provided a link to the document via the Administrative Record.
- **November 30, 2021: Permit Modification Request:** The Department of Energy and Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC), LLC, submitted Class 1 Permit Modification Requests (PMRs) to transition operation of the ICP RCRA Permits from Fluor Idaho, LLC to IEC.
- **December 20: Virtual Public Meeting:** A virtual public meeting was held by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to accept comments on the IWTU PMR. Two members of the public submitted comments.
- **December 21, 2021: Permit Modification Request Approval:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality approved the Class 1 RCRA Permit Modification Requests transferring operation of the RCRA Permits from Fluor Idaho, LLC to IEC, effective January 1, 2022
- **February 10: Leadership in Nuclear Energy Commission virtual meeting:** Idaho Cleanup Project Manager for DOE-EM, Connie Flohr, and IEC President Ty Blackford briefed the LINE Commission on project status.

Additional Community Interaction

- **October 26: Facebook Post:** A video on the history of the cleanup program was posted to the ICP's Facebook page.
- **November: Facebook Posts:**
 - A brief article was posted on the ICP's Facebook page about ICP employee John Orton and the Calcine Retrieval Project.

- A video of past cleanup accomplishments was posted to the ICP's Facebook page.
- **November 30: Community Event:** Both DOE and Fluor Idaho attended a community event organized to thank the outgoing contractor for five and a half years of support to the ICP. Comments from elected officials were played in video form and read at the meeting.
- **December 1: Senator Crapo briefing:** Former ICP contractor Fluor Idaho briefed Senator Mike Crapo and staff on cleanup accomplishments during the contract.
- **December 7: EM Update article:** An *EM Update* article ran on the 30th anniversary of the signing of the landmark cleanup agreement known as the *Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order*. The article was linked on the ICP Facebook page.
- **December 21: EM Update article:** An *EM Update* article ran on EM meeting its milestones during the calendar year. ICP projects were mentioned in a linked scorecard.
- **December 29: EM News Flash:** An EM News Flash was issued announcing that buried waste exhumation at the Accelerated Retrieval Project IX facility was complete.
- **December: Facebook Posts:**
 - A video of significant cleanup accomplishments from the previous five and a half years was posted to the ICP Facebook page.
 - A brief article ran on the ICP Facebook page discussing how people and animals coexist at the INL Site.
- **January 11: EM Update article:** An *EM Update* article entitled A Year in Review ran on the progress of major projects at each EM facility including Idaho. The article was included on the ICP's Facebook page.
- **January: Facebook Posts:**
 - A Facebook post announced that the Idaho Cleanup Project contract transition from Fluor Idaho to Idaho Environmental Coalition was complete.
 - A Facebook post highlighting some of the major ICP projects that would begin in calendar year 2022.
- **February 2: EM Update article:** An *EM Update* article ran on an ICP employee who has been present at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Unit for each waste shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.
- **February 10: EM News Flash:** EM issued a news flash on a Memorandum of Understanding that was signed by EM and Naval Reactors to undertake demolition work at the SIW reactor site.

- **February 15: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran on planned workscope that IEC will undertake this year.
- **February 15: *EM Update* article:** An *EM Update* article ran highlighting the demolition work planned for the S1W demolition scheduled to begin at the Naval Reactors Facility this year.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction

- **March-April: 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 ESD document posted to the Administrative Record.
- **March 3: Idaho Cleanup Project Update:** Idaho Cleanup Project Manager for DOE EM, Connie Flohr, will participate in the Quarterly Idaho National Laboratory site briefing to the Shoshone Bannock, Fort Hall Business Council and staff.
- **March 6-10: Waste Management 2022 Symposia:** Idaho Environmental Coalition and DOE-ID employees will present at the Waste Management Symposia. Presentations and posters focus on Idaho Cleanup Project accomplishments and best practices.