

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary

Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office

October 2023- February 2024

Compiled for the February 22, 2024, Idaho Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Formal Public Interaction:

- **October 26: Leadership in Nuclear Energy Commission 3.0:** Manager for the Idaho Cleanup Project, Connie Flohr, provided an Idaho Cleanup Project update to the LINE Commission 3.0 at their Twin Falls meeting.
- **October 26: Environmental Management Workshop Tour:** Fifty project management representatives from across the U.S. Department of Energy complex participated in a driving tour of the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center and Radioactive Waste Management Complex.
- **October 28: Public Comment Period Opens:** The 45-day public comment period for the *Draft Basis for Section 3116 Determination for Closure of the Calcined Solids Storage Facility at the Idaho National Laboratory Site* opened.
- **November 16: Public Meeting:** A virtual public meeting was held with members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of Energy, and Idaho Environmental Coalition to provide information about the *Draft Basis for Section 3116 Determination for Closure of the Calcined Solids Storage Facility at the Idaho National Laboratory Site*, and to answer questions from the public.
- **November 2023: Class 1 Permit Modification Notification:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition provided to the INL mailing list, a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (PMN) request for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit for the Liquid Waste Management System at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center on the Idaho National Laboratory Site. The request addresses the installation of a new breezeway on the north wall of the Product Storage Building (PSB)-I to accommodate construction of a second Product Storage Building (PSB-II) for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU).

- **November 2023: Class 1 Permit Modification Notification:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition provided to the INL mailing list, a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (PMN) request for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex on the Idaho National Laboratory. The request addressed modifying the footprint and boundary of the AMWTP Outside Storage Area to increase the available outside storage for transport trailers loaded with TRUPACT-II waste shipment containers used to ship transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.
- **December 2023: Public Notice: HWMA/RCRA Permit Renewal Notification:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality issued a public notice and commenced a public comment period for the draft renewal of the Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Post-Closure Permit at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Waste Calcine Facility, CPP-601/627/640, on the Idaho National Laboratory, EPA ID No. ID4890008952 on December 27, 2024, through February 03, 2024. The draft Permit continues to require site security, inspections, personnel training, and groundwater monitoring.
- **December 11: Public Comment Period Closes:** The 45-day public comment period for the *Draft Basis for Section 3116 Determination for Closure of the Calcined Solids Storage Facility at the Idaho National Laboratory Site* concluded.
- **January 19: Public Comment Period Closes: Site Treatment Plan:** The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality-initiated 30-day public comment period for the FY2023 Annual Site Treatment Plan Report and the FY2024 Site Treatment Plan update concluded.
- **January 31: Leadership in Nuclear Energy Commission 3.0:** Manager for the Idaho Cleanup Project, Connie Flohr, provided an Idaho Cleanup Project update to the LINE Commission 3.0 at their Boise meeting.
- **January 31: Legislative Breakfast:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition and Battelle Energy Alliance co-hosted a breakfast for legislators in Boise to discuss Idaho National Laboratory research and development initiatives and environmental cleanup activities at the Idaho Cleanup Project.

- **February 2024: Class 1 Permit Modification Notification:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition provided to the INL mailing list, a Class 1 Permit Modification Notification (PMN) request for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit for Calcined Solids Storage Facility at INTEC. The request addressed modifying and/or removing permit conditions that are no longer applicable and updating the latitude and longitude coordinates for the INL Site.

Additional Community Interaction:

- **October 7: Food Drive:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition partnered with Battelle Energy Alliance to sponsor a community food drive for the Idaho Falls Community Food Basket.
- **October 17: Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium Conference:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition was a sponsor of the Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium Conference in support of the advanced energy sector in Idaho.
- **October 25: Naval Reactors Facility Status Update Press Release:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition issued a press release on the status of the Naval Reactors Facility decontamination and demolition effort of the SIW and AIW reactor prototypes.
- **October 25: Energy Days in Twin Falls:** The Idaho National Laboratory and Idaho Cleanup Project sponsored an event in Twin Falls to provide the community with information on the local energy sector. High school and college students interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) were invited to attend.
- **October 26: Community Breakfast and Lunch Forum:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition sponsored a community breakfast to share information about the Idaho Cleanup Project. During a lunch forum panel, IEC President and Program Manager, Ty Blackford, and IEC Strategic Initiatives Senior Director Dana Kirkham, provided information about their careers for students in attendance.
- **December 1: Breaking Boundaries Fundraiser Dinner:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition sponsored the Breaking Boundaries Fundraiser Dinner, which is an organization that promotes and celebrates diversity in the community.
- **January 10: Up and Atom Breakfast:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition sponsored an Up and Atom Breakfast in Pocatello. Up and Atom serves as a resource for community members to better understand what is current in the energy industry,

the economic impacts, and to provide an opportunity for those associated with the energy community to network.

- **January 31: Energy Days in Boise:** Idaho National Laboratory and the Idaho Cleanup Project sponsored an informational event in Boise to provide the community with information about the local energy sector. College students interested in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) were invited to attend.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction:

- **April 18: Citizens Advisory Board Meeting:** The Idaho Cleanup Project Citizen's Advisory Board will hold its spring meeting at the Shoshone-Bannock Hotel and Events Center in Fort Hall, Idaho.