

Environmental Management Public Outreach Summary

Department of Energy- Idaho Operations Office

March 2024- June 2024

Compiled for the June 12, 2024, Idaho Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Formal Public Interaction:

- **March 7: Class 1 Permit Modification Request:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition provided to the INL mailing list, a Class 1 Permit Modification Request for the Volume 14 Hazardous Waste Management Act Partial Permit for Storage and Treatment for the Liquid Waste Management System at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center on the Idaho National Laboratory Site. This PMR addressed administrative and informational changes to the permit to incorporate the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit Vault Storage Area addition design specifications, engineering analysis, and construction drawings.
- **March 11-14; Waste Management 2024 Symposium:** U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office and Idaho Environmental Coalition representatives attended the annual Waste Management Symposium to give presentations and serve on panels discussing Idaho Cleanup Project successes and ongoing work.
- **March 21: Public Information Release:** Idaho Department of Environmental Quality provided to the public, the Public Participation Package for Renewal of the Hazardous Waste Management Act /Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Storage and Treatment Partial Permit for the Waste Management Operations on the Idaho National Laboratory Site.
- **March 27: Public Notice:** A public notice proposing to approve the renewal permit for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Partial Permit for Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center on the Idaho National Laboratory was published in the Idaho Statesman and Post Register. The purpose of this notice was to notify the public of the opportunity to comment on the draft renewal permit.
- **April 29: Class 1 Permit Modification Request:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition provided to the INL mailing list, a Class 1 Permit Modification Request for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit on the Idaho National Laboratory. This modification added storage space to the permitted outside unit without increasing the allowed volume of waste storage.

- **May 11: Public Comment Period Closes:** The public comment period for the draft 10-year renewal permit for the Hazardous Waste Management Act/Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Partial Permit for Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center at the Idaho National Laboratory site closed. During the public comment period, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) did not receive any written comments or requests for a public hearing. Therefore, DEQ determined there was not sufficient public interest to warrant a hearing. The renewed permit will become effective on June 27, 2024.
- **April 30: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Tour:** Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission toured the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit and Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center.
- **May 1: Public Meeting:** A virtual public meeting was held with members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of Energy, and Idaho Environmental Coalition held on the consultation process between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Department of Energy on the Draft CSSF 3116 Basis Document, which proposes an end state for residual calcine, piping, and associated equipment at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center.
- **May 13: Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project Tour:** Review and oversight groups representing the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Generator Site Technical Review group toured the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project to learn about transuranic waste operations and capabilities in Idaho.
- **May 24: Public Comment Period Opens:** The 30-day public comment period for the Draft Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center Wastewater Reuse Permit No. M-130-07 (Currently M-130-06) opened.

Additional Community Interaction:

- **April 19: Student Presentation:** Staff representing the Idaho Environmental Coalition spoke with Bonneville County 4-H students about the importance of the Snake River Plain aquifer and potential Idaho Cleanup Project careers.
- **May 3: Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce Event:** Idaho Environmental Coalition President and Program Manager, Ty Blackford, provided an informational presentation to the Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce about environmental cleanup progress and accomplishments at the Idaho Cleanup Project.
- **May 14: Donation to Community Food Basket:** Idaho Environmental Coalition employees donated over 1,400 lbs. of food Community Food Basket in Idaho Falls.

- **May 16: Up and Atom Breakfast:** The Idaho Environmental Coalition sponsored breakfast in Idaho Falls. Discussion included information about the Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium (IAEC) and the Tech Hub Designation of the Intermountain-West Nuclear Corridor by the Economic Development Administration.
- **May 22-23: STEAM Day at the Zoo:** Idaho Environmental Coalition weSTEAM volunteers built rubber band drones with students from surrounding communities at STEAM Day at the Idaho Falls Zoo, to teach them about science, technology, engineering, art, and math.
- **May 16: Trout Unlimited Meeting:** The Senior Director of Strategic Affairs for the Idaho Environmental Coalition gave a presentation on the Snake River Plain Aquifer to members of Trout Unlimited.

Upcoming Formal Public Interaction:

- **Summer 2024: Public Comment Opportunity:** The U.S. Department of Energy expects to release for public comment an Explanation of Significant Differences to amend language in several Records of Decision to expand the current 1/2 mile INL Site hunting boundary. This comes at the request of the Idaho Fish and Game Department which is seeking to alleviate crop depredation claims caused by herds of Elk on the site boundary.
- **June 2024: Public Comment Period:** A 30-day comment period will be initiated to receive public input pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.6(a)(4) for two proposed National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 projects at the INL Site that will have adverse effects to historic properties. Information on the demolition of Dosimetry Calibration Lab at the Central Facilities Area (CF-638) and relocation of the Materials and Fuels Complex Mock-Up Shop from the Fuel Conditioning Facility (MFC-765) to the Experimental Breeder Reactor-II Power Plant Building (MFC-768) will be available for public review on DOE-ID's external webpage (<https://www.id.energy.gov/>).
- **Fall 2024: Public Comment Opportunity:** The U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Idaho will release for public comment an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the demolition of S5G prototype at the Naval Reactors Facility. A virtual public meeting will also be held during the 30-day public comment period.
- **October 23: Citizens Advisory Board Meeting:** The Idaho Cleanup Project Citizen's Advisory Board will hold its fall meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho.