Here's What's Going on with DOE-ID

As you know, we initiated a survey under "Voice of the People" last month, in order to get your input on how we can make this website more useful to you. In response to your feedback, one thing we did is develop a monthly article that attempts to capsulize the activities and opportunities for public input, all in one place. This is the first of those articles.

Public Involvement Opportunities

You have until **close of business on June 21** to provide input on a small-scale soil cleanup at Test Area North on the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho site. An Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis document with three proposed alternatives for soil cleanup is under evaluation by the DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. For details, go to the Idaho Cleanup Project homepage at: <u>https://idahocleanupproject.com</u>.

Procurement Opportunity: Providing Office Space

You'll have to act fast if you have office space that might be available to support the DOE Office of Environmental Management. DOE is looking to lease approximately 16,000 to 18,000 square feet of new or existing office space to support the cleanup mission at the Idaho site. Proposals must be received by **5 p.m. MDT on June 5**. For more details, see the news release posted at http://www.id.doe.gov/News/pressreleases/archived/PR090529-OfficeSpace.pdf

ARRA Activities

Our cleanup contractors are moving ahead aggressively with environmental cleanup and waste management activities which have been accelerated by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds. See our news releases at http://www.id.doe.gov/NEWS/EnergyNews.aspx for more information about new employees hired with ARRA money at the Advanced Mixed Waste Cleanup Project and about the first shipment of mixed low-level waste paid for by ARRA funds. You may also be interested in the Notice on Civil Rights Obligations Applicable to the Distribution of Funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This document is located at http://www.id.doe.gov/News/pressreleases/archived/PR090514-Civil.pdf.

Distinguished Visitors

DOE and our contractors were pleased to host distinguished visitors from the staffs of both of Idaho's U.S. Senators recently. Luke Tomanelli, the new legislative aide for energy and natural resources for Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo, spent three days here for tours and briefings along with Colin Jones, a legislative fellow with the senator's Washington office, and Idaho Falls staffers Leslie Huddleston and Zach Adams. Meanwhile, Amy Taylor, Matt Ellsworth, Michael Manning and Chris Hannish of Idaho Sen. James Risch's staff toured Idaho Cleanup Project facilities. (See photos accompanying this article.).

Upcoming Outreach Activities



CWI employee Hoss Brown (right) shows staffers from Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo's office around the Accelerated Retrieval

Each week Danielle Miller of my staff compiles a calendar of upcoming outreach activities. We have started posting the calendar on http://www.id.doe.gov under the Outreach Event Calendar located on the left side of the web page. For example on the calendar, the INL Cultural Resources Tour in conjunction with the INL's 60th anniversary will be held June 12, and the next Citizens Advisory Board Director, and Luke meeting is scheduled for July 14.

Idaho Operations Summary

Every two weeks or so, we develop a summary of incidents that occur on image to enlarge at DOE's Idaho site, along with updates on operational successes among our contractors. We are now posting this summary at http://www.id.doe.gov/NEWS/OperationsSummarys.htm. If you'd like to be added to the distribution list, you can contact me directly at buggerbp@id.doe.gov.

And if you have any input on ways to make this website more useful, please let me know. Thanks,

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Project-III during a recent visit. Pictured are Leslie Huddleston, the Senator's Idaho Falls Regional Tomanelli, the senator's new legislative assistant on energy and natural resources. Click