



DOE Issues Finding of No Significant Impact and Final Environmental Assessment on Radiological Response Training Range

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The U.S. Department of Energy has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact stemming from an environmental assessment it performed to examine the potential environmental impacts of operating a Radiological Response Training Range at Idaho National Laboratory.

At the range, INL experts will train personnel, conduct exercises, and support technology evaluation and demonstrations in support of national technical nuclear forensic and radiological emergency response programs.

The Radiological Response Training Range will provide the capability to prepare emergency responders nationwide to effectively characterize and work in environments that safely simulate scenarios they might encounter in response to major radiological incidents.

Training exercises at the range are anticipated to start next spring.

The environmental assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact were prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The documents are posted on the Internet at www.id.doe.gov/insideNEID/PublicInvolvement.htm.

Under NEPA, a Finding of No Significant Impact is signed and released after an environmental assessment performed on a proposed action indicates that no significant impact on the environment is likely. The finding enables the project to proceed.

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