

DOE Names New Director of Idaho Operations Office

Idaho Falls, ID – The Department of Energy today announced that Rick Provencher has been named manager of its Idaho Operations Office, which oversees the nation's leading commercial nuclear energy research laboratory and environmental cleanup and waste management mission at the site.



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Provencher, who has managed the highly-successful Idaho Cleanup Project since 2004, will assume his new duties on May 23, 2010. He succeeds interim manager Dennis Miotla.

"Rick has shown skilled leadership of the Idaho Cleanup Project which has demonstrated significant progress in cleaning up legacy waste at the site. I'm confident he'll remain a strong leader as he assumes responsibility for managing the Idaho National Laboratory and continues oversight of important cleanup activities," said Dr. Kristina Johnson, Under Secretary of Energy.

As manager of the Idaho Operations Office, Provencher will oversee 280 Federal employees and 6,000 contractor staff who work at the Idaho National Laboratory and carry out environmental cleanup and waste management functions at the Idaho site. Provencher will also be responsible for an annual federal and contractor budget that exceeds \$1 billion.

Prior to coming to Idaho, he was Director of the Miamisburg Closure Project in Ohio, where he was responsible for cleanup at the Mound Site to prepare it to be used as a high technology business park. From 1989 to 1998, he worked at the West Valley Demonstration Project in New York as Deputy Director of DOE's cleanup at the nation's first commercial spent nuclear fuel reprocessing facility

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