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**DOE Issues Environmental Assessment on Road Project for Public Review**

The U.S. Department of Energy has issued for public review and comment a draft environmental assessment of the potential environmental impacts of building an internal road to safely ship radioactive material within the Idaho National Laboratory.

DOE's preferred alternative under the environmental assessment is to develop a new, internal road that would connect the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center with the Materials and Fuels Complex, a distance of about 20 miles. It would allow the INL to safely ship nuclear materials from the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center and the Materials and Fuels Complex without having to utilize public roads, like Highway 20, which adds additional cost and security considerations to each shipment.

The route would utilize some existing, paved roads, and would run parallel to the existing T-25 power line service road. It would be controlled access for service and out-of-commerce shipments only, and would be designed for maximum speeds of 35 miles per hour.

In addition, the road would satisfy the requirements of the majority of nuclear materials shipments with a design capacity for a 100,000-pound, double-drop, three-axle trailer with 6-inch ground clearance.

The "Draft Environmental Assessment for the Multipurpose Haul Road Within the Idaho National Laboratory" is available for review at the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office website: [www.id.doe.gov](http://www.id.doe.gov). You can also request a hard copy of the environmental assessment by calling Brad Bugger at (208) 526-0833 or emailing him at [buggerbp@id.doe.gov](mailto:buggerbp@id.doe.gov).

The public comment period on the draft environmental assessment runs from May 17, 2010 to June 16, 2010. Comments can be emailed to Jeff Perry at [perryjn@id.doe.gov](mailto:perryjn@id.doe.gov), or mailed to Jeff Perry, 1955 Fremont Ave. MS 1222, Idaho Falls, Id. 83415. Comments received after the deadline will be considered as practical.

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