

STIMULUS FUNDING WILL ACCELERATE CLEANUP IN IDAHO

Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will do more than sustain employment at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho Site – it will accelerate cleanup.



Inside the retrieval enclosure at Accelerated Retrieval Project-III

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The Office of Environmental Management received \$6 billion in additional funding under the “stimulus bill” passed earlier this year by Congress and signed by President Obama. The Idaho Site will receive \$468 million of the EM funding.

The funding will be used at DOE's Idaho Site to:

- Decontaminate and decommission buildings that have no useful mission.
- Accelerate removal of buried radioactive waste, which will be packaged and sent to appropriate offsite disposal sites.
- Accelerate removal and disposal of remote-handled transuranic waste.
- Speed up packaging, removal and offsite disposal of mixed low-level waste currently stored on site.
- Increase the rate at which spent nuclear fuel is moved from underwater to dry storage.

“The stimulus money is in addition to our base cleanup budget,” said Rick Provencher, DOE-Idaho Deputy Manager for Environmental Management. “So it will allow us to speed up the cleanup work we were planning to do in future years, while continuing to meet our near-term cleanup milestones. It will preserve jobs and create new ones in the near-term, and allow us to save money over the long-term because we’ll be doing work that would cost more the longer it is deferred.”

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