



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF **ENERGY**

### **DOE extends public comment period on the Remote-handled Waste Disposition Project Environmental Assessment**

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In response to a request from the public, the U.S. Department of Energy has extended the deadline to comment on the draft environmental assessment for a proposal to process approximately 327 cubic meters of remote-handled radioactive waste currently stored at Idaho National Laboratory.

The public comment period, which originally expired Jan. 19, 2009, has been extended to Jan. 30, 2009. The draft environmental assessment is available for review on the Internet by going to the DOE-Idaho Operations Office Web site at [www.id.doe.gov](http://www.id.doe.gov). Comments can be submitted by mail to Chuck Ljungberg, 1955 Fremont Ave., mailstop 1216, Idaho Falls, ID, 83415, or by email to [LJUNGBBC@ID.doe.gov](mailto:LJUNGBBC@ID.doe.gov).

Using the Department's preferred alternative under the environmental assessment, workers would use sealed rooms called hot cells at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center to process the waste, treat it as necessary and repackage it so that it is ready for disposal. The environmental assessment describes the modifications necessary to hot cells to perform the work.

The environmental assessment, performed according to requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, provides an analysis of the environmental impacts of alternatives for accomplishing the proposed action.

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