



Citizens are asked to comment

Public Comment on Test Area North Injection Well and Unexploded Ordnance

The two Proposed Plans are for Interim Actions addressing 1) remediation of wastes disposed in and injection well at Test Area North, and 2) cleanup of unexploded ordnance primarily a result of World War II testing activities at the former Naval Proving Grounds. Information will be available for public review in the Administrative Record File at the INEL Technical Library, 1776 Science Center Drive, in Idaho Falls. Copies of the Administrative Record are also available in the INEL information Repository section of the public libraries in Boise, Moscow, Pocatello, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls. The Proposed Plans are jointly developed by the Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Idaho as part of these Interim Actions. Proposed cleanup methods include:

Unexploded Ordnance

- 1. No Action
 - 2. Placement of Administrative Barriers.
- ***Preferred Alternative*****

 - 3. Ordnance Detonation and Disposal On-site, Off-site incineration of Contaminated Soil.
- 4. Ordnance Detonation and Disposal On-Site, On-Site Composting of Contaminated Soil.

Test Area North Injection Well

- 1. No Action
- Groundwater Extraction and Treatment by:*
- ***Preferred Alternative*****

 - 2. Air Stripping ion Exchange and Carbon Adsorption.
- 3. Carbon Adsorption and Ion Exchange.
 - 4. Chemical Destruction and Ion Exchange.

Public Scoping on Test Area North Groundwater Contamination

Public comments received on the scope of the Test Area North Groundwater Contamination investigation will help DOE determine how to proceed with impact analysis. Scoping will be conducted to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this scoping activity is to identify and comment on alternatives for addressing contamination at these areas and to identify potential environmental impacts caused by cleanup alternatives.

Locations and Dates of Meetings

Idaho Falls
Westbank Inn
Tuesday, Feb. 4

Boise
Boise Public Library
Wednesday, Feb. 5

Burley
Burley Inn
Thursday, Feb. 6

Federal and state representatives will be available from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to informally discuss these projects prior to the beginning of each meeting. Meetings will start at each location at 6:30 p.m.

The public comment period for all projects runs from January 13 to February 12. In addition to input provided during the meetings, written comments may be sent to: Walter N. Sato, Environmental Restoration Division, DOE Idaho Field Office, 785 DOE Place, MS 3902, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1562. For more information, call the Community Relations Plan Coordinator at (208) 526-6864.

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