



Cleanup won't begin... until public comments are received

Citizens are asked to comment on cleanup of three areas at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex at the INEL.

Public Scoping on Vadose Zone and Pad A Investigations

Public comments received on the scope of the Vadose Zone and Pad A investigations 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 under consideration for addressing contamination at these areas.
- Identify potential environmental impacts caused by cleanup alternatives.

Public Comment on Pit 9 Proposed Plan

The Proposed Plan, which describes alternatives for addressing radioactive and hazardous wastes disposed in Pit 9, is available for public review at information repositories around the state and in the Administrative Record file. The Administrative Record file is at the INEL Technical Library, 1776 Science Center Dr., and in the information repository sections of public libraries in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Twin Falls, Boise, and Moscow. The Proposed Plan jointly developed by DOE-ID, U.S. EPA, and the State of Idaho as part of the Pit 9 Interim Action. Proposed cleanup methods include:

- 1: *No action.*
- 2: *In-Situ Vitrification:* Using high temperatures to melt materials in place forming a glass-like material.
- 3: *Ex-Situ Vitrification:* Using high temperatures to melt materials removed from Pit 9 into a glass-like material.
- 4: *Chemical extraction/physical separation:* extracting contaminants from Pit 9 materials, returning cleaned materials to the pit.
- 5: *Complete Removal, Storage, Treatment, and Off-site Disposal*

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ALTERNATIVE

Locations and Dates of Meetings

Boise

Boise Public Library
Monday, December 9

Twin Falls

Canyon Springs Inn
Wednesday, December 11

Moscow

Cavanaugh's Value Inn
Tuesday, December 10

Idaho Falls

Elk's Lodge
Thursday, December 12



An open house will be held at each location beginning at 5:30 p.m. All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The public comment period for all projects runs from December 4, 1991 to January 3, 1992. In addition to comments made at the public workshops, written comments may be sent to: Jerry Lyle, Environmental Restoration Division, DOE Field Office, Idaho, 785 DOE Place, MS 3902, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-3902. For more information, call the Pocatello outreach office at (208) 233-4731.