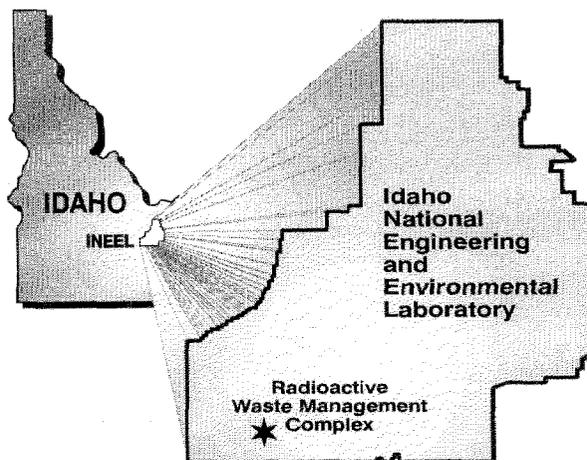


**PUBLIC
NOTICE**

DOE announces plans to retrieve buried waste at the INEEL



size. This location in Pit 4 was selected because it contains waste with some of the highest levels of plutonium and americium, as well as high concentrations of volatile organic compounds, such as carbon tetrachloride. The proposed work will remove these waste streams, as well as various isotopes of uranium.

Public comments can be submitted at <http://cleanup.inel.gov> or by mailing comments to:

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The U.S. Department of Energy, in cooperation with the state of Idaho and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is seeking public comment on a proposal to retrieve buried waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Details of this recommended cleanup work are available in an Engineering Evaluation

and Cost Analysis document that describes the proposed removal action. The proposal is available for public review and comment until June 4, 2004.

A portion of Pit 4 of the Radioactive Waste Management Complex's Subsurface Disposal Area has been selected by the agencies as the retrieval area. The selected retrieval area is approximately a half-acre in

The Department of Energy is also willing to provide briefings to interested groups. To request a briefing, contact: Jeff Perry at (208) 526-4570 or by e-mail at the address above.

Public Meetings

Idaho Falls – May 17 – Bennion Student Union Building (University Place), 1784 Science Center Drive, 7:30 p.m.

Twin Falls – May 19 – Taylor Building, Rooms 276 and 277, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue – 6 p.m. availability session, meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Boise – May 20 – Doubletree Riverside, Emerald Room, 2900 Chinden Boulevard – 6 p.m. availability session, meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Jackson, Wyo. – May 25 – Jackson Hole Middle School, Commons Room, 1230 South Park Loop Road – 6 p.m. availability session, meeting starts at 7 p.m.

The retrieval of buried waste from Pit 4 is being proposed as a non-time-critical removal action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act also known as CERCLA or Superfund.

The following document is available for public comment:

- Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis for the Accelerated Retrieval of a Designated Portion of Pit 4

This document is available in the INEEL Administrative Record file for Waste Area Group 7. The administrative record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albertsons Library at Boise State University. The Administrative Record can be accessed on the Internet at <http://ar.inel.gov>. More information about the Radioactive Waste Management Complex can be found in a fact sheet available online at <http://cleanup.inel.gov>.

