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DOE-Idaho Manager Beth Sellers Looks at Year of Accomplishment at INL
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The Idaho National Laboratory Site has gone through tremendous change over the past two years as we have refocused the missions and how they are to be accomplished. We welcomed the former Argonne Area Office staff and the Radiological Environmental Sciences Laboratory into the Idaho Operations Office family. We split one contract into two – one focused on cleanup and one focused on nuclear energy R&D. We merged the Argonne West Lab into the INL. To make all of this possible, we awarded three new contracts; CWI manages the cleanup scope, BEA manages the laboratory scope and BBWI manages the TRU waste.

Cleanup continues to take place as demonstrated through several firsts for the DOE: digging up targeted buried waste, grouting and closing tanks, and shipping RH transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant – also known as “WIPP” – in New Mexico. In addition, we reached the milestone of disposing of more transuranic waste at WIPP than any other DOE site (over 15,000 cubic meters of waste). Challenges will continue in the future, including making a final decision on remediation of buried waste and the contaminated soils at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center; and final disposal of spent nuclear and high-level waste, but we are making great progress in cleanup and will continue until our mission is completed.

On the **Lab** side of the site, we are moving forward with the transformation of the lab! We broke ground this spring on the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, a joint project with Idaho universities, here in Idaho Falls. We are playing a key role in the Global Nuclear Energy

Partnership, a program designed to recycle spent nuclear fuel for use in new nuclear reactors.

Our role in supporting National Security research, meanwhile, is growing by leaps and bounds.

The Idaho Operations Office for the Department of Energy has reached its goal to become ISO 9001 certified – which means we are applying discipline and rigor in the way we oversee our contractors, and manage our business. Our goal is to move the missions at the INL Site forward as effectively as possible.

The **FUTURE** has much in store.

- We will finish the cleanup efforts.
- The mission at the lab will grow stronger as nuclear energy is revitalized through programs like the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, and the Next Generation Nuclear Plant, and the continued safe operation of the Advanced Test Reactor.
- We will continue to sharpen federal oversight to assure safe work performance, effective environmental protection, and wise use of taxpayer money.

INVITATION – I invite you to come see us.

Tours can be arranged by calling the INL Tours Office at 526-0050 or 526-9120 or visiting the INL webpage at <https://secure.inl.gov/tours>