



INL Site Environmental Management

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From the Board Chair

Herb Bohrer, CAB Chair

Welcome to the October edition of the INL Site EM CAB newsletter. In April, my service on the Board will come to an end, as will that of fellow CAB member, Bill Roberts. I have greatly enjoyed my six year term on the Board, and believe we have helped DOE in its cleanup work at the INL.



To fill our seats, the recruitment process is underway for two new members. Service terms are two years, with an option to serve two additional terms – totaling a six year membership. I highly encourage those of you who have an interest in this volunteer assignment to seriously consider applying. No particular experience is required and the Board strives to offer DOE-EM an array of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. The only real requirement is that you have a desire to serve, and are willing to work with the rest of the board. Visit our [website](#) to complete the [membership application](#) by October 31 for consideration and potential appointment in April.

As always, I encourage you to attend our quarterly meetings, the schedule of which is also posted on our [website](#). We'll convene again in two weeks on Thursday, October 27 in the Limelight A conference space at the Sun Valley Inn in Sun Valley, ID.

These meetings are important communication opportunities for DOE to inform the public about current operations, issues, and future plans, and they are always informative. At our April meeting in Twin Falls, for example, we were provided a presentation on the Annual INL Environmental Site Report. This report provides data and analysis of the comprehensive environmental monitoring around the INL, and should be of interest to many people. This report is a public document and is available [here](#).

We hope to see you at our next meeting as DOE shares more pertinent information.

Until then,
Herb

October agenda at a glance:

- ICP Overview
- IWTU Update
- WIPP Update
- Attorney General Presentation
- ECF Recapitalization Environmental Impact Statement
- Groundwater Update
- DOE Updated Path Forward
- EM SSAB Chairs Meeting Report & Transition White Paper Discussion

Miss our June Meeting?

[View the meeting minutes](#)

to review presentations on the following:

- ICP Overview
- IWTU Update
- WIPP Update
- Future of the Cleanup Program
- Spent Fuel
- Waste Transportation
- EM SSAB Chairs Recommendations

Board Comings and Goings

Keith Branter, CAB Vice-Chair



In 2016, the Idaho CAB welcomed two new members: Talia Martin (Bannock County) and Jim Huston (Bonneville County).

An environmental chemist, Talia represents the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. She is interested in environmental, safety, and cultural issues. Welcome to the CAB, Talia.

Over the course of his 50-year career, Jim Huston was involved in nuclear plant research, development, construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning. Now retired, Jim is interested in nuclear waste handling and worker safety. Welcome, Jim.

As Talia's and Jim's memberships on the Board begin, Herb Bohrer's and Bill Roberts' terms will conclude in April. Their service is sincerely appreciated and their presence at Board meetings will be missed.

Herb has been our chairman for the last year and a half. His experience and shrewd insights on the operations of DOE and the DOE contractors have proved invaluable to the CAB. Herb retired from the U.S. Navy in 1981 and was subsequently employed by several Department of Energy contractors, as well as DOE itself. He has been a guiding influence to the direction of our Board. Thank You Herb for your service.

Bill Roberts has brought a unique perspective to the CAB with his background in manufacturing management, equipment engineering and maintenance, leadership, training, human resources, planning, and subcontract administration. Thank You Bill for your service.

As Herb mentioned, we must recruit new members to fill the two vacated seats come April. One of our primary objectives is to offer DOE a broad spectrum of opinions and encourage diversity. If you know someone who may be interested in serving on the CAB, please direct them to our [website](#) for the [membership application](#) or encourage them to reach out to [Jordan Davies](#), 208.557.7886, to learn more.

AMWTP's Impressive Record

Jim Huston, CAB Member

I am pleased to have joined the INL Site EM Citizens Advisory Board. Over the course of my career, one of my critical concerns has always been the handling and storage of the waste products of the nuclear industry as it has evolved – in particular the safety and care of the personnel who perform that cleanup. We have come a long way with regard to the techniques and methods of providing control, protection and monitoring of the workers involved in this day-to-day work.

In June the Board toured some of the Site's cleanup facilities. This tour included a stop at AMWTP's hot cells, where we observed real time and first-hand the cleanup operations underway. I was particularly impressed with the attitude which was displayed by everyone with whom we came into contact. This was notable given the complexity of the work being accomplished, and the recent transition to the new Fluor Idaho management team.

The following summary provided by Fluor Idaho demonstrates the high degree of employee professionalism and results achieved at AMWTP:



“ In 2014, AMWTP and the ICP workers made approximately 85,868 entries into areas requiring a Radiation Work Permit. During this period, there were no DOE ORPs reportable personnel contamination events.

In 2015, AMWTP and the ICP workers made approximately 87,945 entries into areas requiring a Radiation Work Permit. During this period, there were no DOE ORPs reportable personnel contamination events.

So far in 2016, AMWTP and ICP workers have made approximately 44,995 entries into areas requiring a Radiation Work Permit. During this period, there have been two DOE ORPs reportable personnel contamination events.

The overall event rate for the past 2 1/2+ years is two events in 218,808 entries. Even though this performance is very good, it is still unacceptable to us. We endeavor for zero events.”

Based on their demonstrated performance, Fluor Idaho’s ambition to have “zero events” is clearly an achievable goal. Keep up the excellent work!

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