

United States Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program

Presentation to Idaho LINE Commission

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FOCUSED MISSION

• Provide militarily effective nuclear propulsion plants and ensure their safe, reliable, and long-lived operation

CRADLE TO GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL ASPECTS

- Research, development, design, construction
- Maintenance, repair, overhaul, disposal
- Radiological controls, environment, safety, health matters
- Officer operator selection, operator training
- Administration (security, nuclear safeguards, transportation, public information, procurement and fiscal management)

PROGRAM RECORD

- Program founded in 1948
- Over 7,000 reactor-years of safe operations
- Over 162,000,000 miles safely steamed
- 101 operating reactors (compared to 99 commercial power reactors)
- Welcomed in more than 150 ports in over 50 countries worldwide

EXECUTIVE ORDER 12344 SET FORTH IN PUBLIC LAW 98-525 AND 106-65



Admiral James F. Caldwell, Jr.



Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program





Naval Spent Fuel Shipping





The 1995 Agreement and Consent Order governs management of all spent nuclear fuel and transuranic waste at the Idaho National Laboratory

BACKGROUND

- The agreement resolved litigation related to concern of Idaho officials that the INL was becoming a de facto permanent repository for spent fuel and transuranic waste.
- Litigation also led to preparation of a Programmatic EIS for management of spent nuclear fuel across the DOE.

ONGOING NAVY OBLIGATIONS

- Limit shipments of naval spent nuclear fuel to Idaho to a running average of 20 containers per year.
- Provide to Idaho annual reports on actual shipments made in the prior calendar year and expected shipments during the next calendar year.
- Include naval spent nuclear fuel among the early shipments to a permanent geologic repository or interim storage site.

2008 ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT

- Continued use of the water pool at the Naval Reactors Facility beyond 2023.
- Continued management of a limited in-process inventory of naval spent nuclear fuel at the Naval Reactors Facility in Idaho beyond 2035.

NAVAL REACTORS IS COMPLIANT WITH THE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM



Naval Reactors Facility



SERVING A VITAL ROLE SUPPORTING THE NATION'S NUCLEAR POWERED FLEET FOR OVER 60 YEARS



Providing unique capabilities to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program CAPABILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Began operations in 1958
- Large water pool
 - Visual examination, processing, and storage of spent fuel
 - Assembly/disassembly to support irradiation testing of new materials
- Shielded hot cells for detailed examination of test specimens
- Specialized facilities for placing spent fuel in sealed canisters for dry storage/disposal







Placing Naval Nuclear Fuel into Dry Storage Canisters since 2003

- Dry Storage Packaging is on track to meet the 2023 provision of the Idaho Settlement Agreement and Consent Order.
- Over 150 spent fuel canisters have been loaded since 2003.
- Spent fuel canisters are ready to be shipped to a permanent repository.



OVER 70% OF NAVAL SPENT FUEL INVENTORY SUBJECT TO 2023 PROVISION HAS ALREADY BEEN PLACED IN DRY STORAGE



Cask Shipping and Receiving Facility





Cask Shipping and Receiving Facility was constructed for:

- Unloading aircraft carrier fuel from M-290 shipping containers.
- Loading spent fuel into shipping containers for rail transport to a permanent repository or interim storage facility.

NAVAL SPENT FUEL CANISTERS ARE ROAD-READY FOR SHIPMENT



Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project



VITAL RECAPITALIZATION EFFORT TO SUSTAIN THE NAVAL REACTORS FACILITY MISSION INTO THE FUTURE



- Naval Reactors invests more than \$400M in Idaho each year
- Approximately 1,500 employees at NRF
- Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project will provide additional jobs during construction
- Each job at NRF adds about one to two jobs in the community