



**PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED VIA LINE COMMISSION WEBSITE  
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(208) 866-0543 [Manleybriggs@cableone.net](mailto:Manleybriggs@cableone.net) To the LINE commision, I am writing to oppose INL becoming the pilot nuclear waste dump for this region. There is currently a binding agreement, placed in law by a vote of the citizens of Idaho, that prohibits nuclear waste storage over the Snake River Aquifer, and I urge you to support that legal binding agreement. The INL is a valuable asset that can be a valuable resource for the development alternative energy sources. In addition, it is crucial for the health of Idahoans that the clean up of the current nuclear waste deposits continue to be funded.

Please protect the future of Idaho and it's citizens by following the recommendations of Govenors Cecil Andrus end Phil Batt and the thousands of Idahoans who support their positions!

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Mr. Jennifer Hoff 545 S. Wheatfield Lane Idaho Falls, ID 83406

(432) 559-3778 [Jennhoff@q.com](mailto:Jennhoff@q.com) Why hasn't anyone implemented yet another alternative form of energy; Wind Turbines? I have been employed at NRF for almost two years and asked this question probably twenty times; however, no one has been able to give me an answer. It would place new jobs in the workforce and create energy for neighboring towns. I would like your thoughts on this....I only want to be more educated on stuff like this. Thank You, Jennifer Hoff

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Mr. Roger Fowler PO Box 901 Blackfoot, ID 83221

(208) 785-6577 [rfracing1@msn.com](mailto:rfracing1@msn.com) I support nuclear energy research in Idaho and Idaho to lead the nation in nuclear energy and alternate energy research. Idaho Universities benefit, state economy benefits, people of Idaho benefit.

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Dr. Edit Szanto 2105 Summit Place Twin Falls, ID 83301

(208) 420-8131 [eszanto@csi.edu](mailto:eszanto@csi.edu) Those of us who love Idaho do not want to see it be the nuclear dumping ground of the United States. We realize that Idaho is a sparsely populated state, making it an attractive target. Not to mention having some public officials without a conscience. However, we are not willing to sell our state and the future of our children. This fall voters showed that they know how to pull together and reject laws that do not make sense. If the Luna laws were bad for Idaho, being the nuclear dumping ground is many times worse.

Respectfully,

Edit Szanto

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Mr. Brad Frazee 2835 Ridgecrest Idaho Falls, ID 83404

(208) 523-5472 [bcfrazee@cableone.net](mailto:bcfrazee@cableone.net) Dear Chairman Sayer:

Please accept my comments on your final report to Governor Otter:

What is the strategic role the INL and Idaho's nuclear industry can play in the country's energy future?

Idaho must protect and promote INL's role as the lead research laboratory in nuclear energy. INL's research capabilities are unmatched in the United States and there is an important research role INL can play to secure the country's energy future and can help conduct back of the fuel cycle research as identified in the Blue ribbon Commission's recommendations.

I fully support the facility and capabilities listed in your report:

- Advanced Post-Irradiation and Characterization Facility
- Transient Testing Reactor Restart
- Used Fuel Storage Demonstration
- Used Fuel Storage Demonstration
- Pilot US Regional Interim Storage Facility
- Nuclear Hybrid Energy demonstration at the Site or Hybrid Demo Using a Non-nuclear Heat Source
- High performance Computing Center

In light of reduced federal spending, what impacts might affect INL and what role can Idaho play to protect INL research and cleanup funding?

Without strong support from the Governor's office and the Idaho State Legislature it will be impossible to attract new work (and possibility continue existing missions) at the INL. With reduced federal spending, Idaho must become more competitive with the states of South Carolina and Tennessee. This is a time for increased support, not a reduction.

What broad environmental risks are posed by nuclear technologies and what mitigating steps are reasonable to protect public health and the environment regarding current and future applications of nuclear technology in Idaho?

Future risks posed by new technologies are almost non-existent. Codes and regulations that exist today offer significant protection. These standards did not exist when existing facilities were constructed. Critics of the INL use rhetoric and unfounded fear tactics. There is no solid basis for their claims, and their statements are not accepted by the majority of Idahoans.

Where is nuclear technology going and what role and/or opportunities exist for INL and Idaho companies in those technology developments?

Idaho should be much more proactive in identifying potential new missions at the INL as well opportunities for private sector nuclear work and recruiting those opportunities. Idaho should catalog assets in terms of ability to meet new missions and initiate a full court press to the DOE as well as nuclear energy vendors and manufacturers.

Given the Blue Ribbon commission's focus on consent-based siting and the suspension of the Yucca Mountain repository, in what way can Idaho's 1995 Settlement Agreement protect the state's interests to support and enhance research and development at INL and complete the cleanup mission?

Idaho's settlement Agreement has been the basis for great protection of the environment. The DOE has demonstrated a good faith effort to implement its requirements. There is no reason the Agreement cannot be modified to allow for new missions, while continuing to protect the environment.

Following the impacts of the Fukushima tsunami and the recent market impact of expanded natural gas supplies, what future role will nuclear energy play in the nation's energy policies and what can Idaho do to prepare for that future?

Currently nuclear power supplies almost 20% of the nation's electrical power supply. Nuclear will continue to play a role in the future-both in terms of existing nuclear fleet with expanded permit questions, and new built reactors (including SMR's). Idaho has existing infrastructure and workforce to solve many of these challenges. Idaho should continue to promote INL/Industry collaboration for energy systems that include nuclear and other (such as hybrid energy systems).

Sincerely,

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Dr. Charles Trost 225 N. Lincoln Ave. Pocatello, ID 83204

(208) 233-4538 [trostchuck@cableone.net](mailto:trostchuck@cableone.net) Please do not modify the 1995 agreement and allow any spent fuel onto the INL. Because of the underlying aquifer, and the seismic nature of the site, this is not a suitable place for permanent storage of massive amounts of radioactive material.

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Mr. Kurt Smith 89 S 900 W Blackfoot, ID 83221

(208) 681-0443 [deesmith59@msn.com](mailto:deesmith59@msn.com) I would like to voice my support of nuclear power, research and all the related business in the state of Idaho. I would like the LINE commission to follow up on all the recommendations they have received to further and promote all things nuclear. It's clean and safe. Lets use it. Thanks

Simply a general statement about the importance of the LINE commission and asking them to follow up on recommendations to further nuclear power, research, and energy related business in the State of Idaho would very helpful.

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January 1, 2013

TO: Members of the LINE Commission  
FROM: League of Women Voters of Idaho  
RE: LINE Commission Draft Report

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Report of December 2012. The League of Women Voters of Idaho and its members are very interested in your work and appreciate the time and effort you have spent on the Governor's charge to make recommendations on policies and actions of the State of Idaho to support and enhance the long-term viability and mission relevance of (the) Idaho National Laboratory.

Because spent fuel from commercial and defense facilities continues to be generated, citizens have an obligation to take part in the rational consideration of safe interim storage and future handling. And we

recognize that the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) has relevant experience bad and good related to the management of spent fuel.

We are also very aware of the economic impact of INL and mindful of the concerns of mayors, business interests and workers for the protection of jobs connected to an ongoing mission for INL.

However, we believe that the future for INL and/or CAES does NOT depend upon Idaho's hosting an interim storage facility. As you know, there is research being done at INL and CAES important to options for our nation's energy future as well as other significant public policy choices. Because civilian and defense nuclear power are realities, that research could and should appropriately include topics connected to the management of spent fuel.

The League of Women Voters is not opposed to nuclear power or related research. However, the League is very concerned about the fuller conversation about spent fuel storage that seems to be going on outside of the public's view. It is clear that a more complete and complex agenda is being closely held. The media campaign to remind Idahoans of the importance of INL is consistent with an implied threat that if Idaho does not play ball on interim storage, the Lab might have to lock its doors.

We believe that Idahoans will reject thinly veiled manipulation which is not worthy of our national and state governments or their contractors.

Besides being bad public relations, it is an unacceptable and ineffective approach to public problem solving. Citizens who lack full information or access to a robust and entirely open dialogue will always move to a less productive position. The citizens of Idaho need time, spaces and means to learn, frame, and consider the inevitable choices and their pros and cons. Sound public process will require access to balanced information and opportunities for the citizens of Idaho to generate and own their choices.

At the end of the day, we have all been beneficiaries of nuclear power. As such, we all have the related obligation to be part of an informed search for a responsible approach to the management of the waste. This is truly a national challenge that crosses state boundaries, but the existence and work of the LINE Commission has brought this search to our state. It is time to provide a public process respectful of the citizens of Idaho. The recommendations from the LINE Commission can and should provide the starting point.

The League of Women Voters of Idaho looks forward to participating in an expansive public process.

Respectfully submitted,

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(208) 232-1638 [jerpsych@hotmail.com](mailto:jerpsych@hotmail.com) Dear Commission Members,

As a concerned citizen of the State of Idaho, I want to be clear and brief regarding your recommendations concerning nuclear energy in the Gem State. #1 I am totally against any effort to allow ANY nuclear waste with a half life of more than one month, and weighing more than 50 pounds to be brought into the State of Idaho. This includes energy development, research, or advancing a "nuclear industry" in our State. #2 I urge you to

fully comply with the 1995 law prohibiting ANY storage of nuclear waste in the State of Idaho,PERIOD!! Why our Governor even formed this Commission in the first place is puzzling to me. #3. To attempt to profit from this type of endeavor considering the environmental and health risks to our fellow citizens is short-sighted and foolish. #4. Large areas in Russia and Japan will not be able to be inhabited by humans indefinitely due to "accidents" caused by both natural disasters and human error.

IN SUMMARY: Please do not allow the questionable, and unproven profits of the relatively few politicians,businessmen and other supporters to risk our environment and health of our people. Keep it clean and waste free. Thank you for allowing me to provide comment.

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Ms. Kerry Cooke 4002 Albion St Boise, ID 83705

(208) 794-6761 [kvcooke@hotmail.com](mailto:kvcooke@hotmail.com) Governor Otter and LINE Commission members: I very much disagree with your conclusions that Idaho needs to tie its future to nuclear waste. As has been obvious for the last decade, bringing in more nuclear waste leads to just one thing - more nuclear waste in Idaho. When you look at the major nuclear labs in the US, e.g., Lawrence-Livermore, you do not see them attempting to construct a plausible vision for the future that links becoming a nuclear waste storage site with an innovative and leading nuclear laboratory. If you were to put your energies into scouring for possible opportunities for Idaho to help lead our country to energy independence, you would have the support of Idahoans and would lead us away from the dangerous dead-end of nuclear waste storage.

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(208) 406-8537 [olsecw@hotmail.com](mailto:olsecw@hotmail.com) Do not consider Idaho, especially the INL site being over the Snake River Aquifer, for ANY spent nuclear fuel or nuclear waste storage (of any kind - HLW, LLW, or TRU). If Yucca Mountain, being a hard rock mountain thousands of feet above the desert floor is not a technically/ environmentally appropriate storage site for SNF and HLW then certainly the INL is NOT either considering that it sits at ground level on fractured rock directly above the Snake River Aquifer. Do not allow any changes to the Batt Agreement. Rather enforce all of its requirements including penalties such as for missing the SBW liquid waste treatment deadline (9/30/12 or 12/31/12 depending on interpretation) in the IWTU.

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(208) 523-5472 [momabear161@gmail.com](mailto:momabear161@gmail.com) I support continuing nuclear research in Idaho. To maintain America's energy viability only nuclear is ready to provide for our needs.

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(208) 775-3016 [blackrockcp@hotmail.com](mailto:blackrockcp@hotmail.com) The world is turning against nuke energy. Germany, Japan and other nations are abandoning this hazardous source of energy. Natural gas prices, increased alternate energy sources and increased prices for nuclear plants have raised the price of nuclear energy so it is not competitive. To put our money and minds pursuing nuclear energy is futile. There is hardly a market for this energy at today's prices. Perhaps the only justification for work in that field would be try to make INL a waste site for the extremely dangerous by-products of nuclear energy production. We did not receive that energy - we don't want the waste. Put the scientists at INL to work on devising reactors to be used for space exploration. Have them work on systems to utilize alternative energy so it can be used more efficiently. Don't allow Idaho Power to dictate to Idaho how our power is created. Devise software and systems that will use dams as backup for solar and wind power. Store water for energy and use sun and wind power when they are available. The dams could be used when there is a need for more energy. The dams could serve as the link that allows alternative energy to be used completely and efficiently. The breakthroughs in providing alternative energy are happening fast but our scientists could speed up development and we could benefit. Idaho Power has been trying to stop development of sources of energy other than their own. We could use INL to help reorganize Idaho Power's

energy production so they will create clean energy with backup from the dams that would be the envy of the rest of the world. Idaho Power is supposed to serve us not the other way around.

The last thing we need is more hazardous nuclear waste anywhere in Idaho.

Sincerely yours,  
Bill Patterson

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To whom it may concern:

People do not stay in this state for the wages--and even Washington has left Idaho wages at the bottom. So do they have to live in a state where the nuclear waste has not been cleaned up as promised-- and supposedly promised to do so under two different governors? Or do they need to leave because the state has a reputation to live up to its responsibility--and has no intention to do so?

Any answers ? Creating jobs with nuclear waste? Do you pass us off as idiots? When its citizens feel you are not listening, we have made changes (as in the state school proposals) and will do so in other areas if necessary.

Pat Robinson

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LINE COMMISSIONERS -

My name is Margaret Macdonald Stewart and I've lived in Blaine County, 65 air miles from the INL for 42 years.

The following are my comments regarding the LINE Commission's Recommendations ("Progress Report") for future missions at the Idaho National Laboratory.

First of all, my comments are based on my belief that the list of LINE recommendations is based on the FALSE assumption that this country's future depends on the development and use of nuclear power. The astronomical - and rising - cost of nuclear power plant construction coupled with the rapidly shrinking federal funds available for such construction should be grounds enough to snuff this idea. If Wall St. won't touch nuclear power plant funding, who in their right mind would do so?

I believe it is FALSE to promote nuclear power as a source of secure energy for any country. As the recent Fukushima disaster demonstrated, no nuclear power plant on any coastline is immune to a tsunami wipe-out. Nuclear power plants need vast amounts of water. With dramatic and increasing effects of climate change, water levels in rivers and lakes are unpredictable, with drought and/or flooding causing nuclear power plants to shut down.

I believe it is FALSE to continue promoting a "nuclear renaissance." Countries around the world are shutting down their nuclear power plants as unsafe, too costly, lacking public support and **THERE IS NO PLACE TO SAFELY STORE THE RESULTING A LETHAL NUCLEAR WASTE.** No other industry on earth is allowed to continue producing waste with no place for that waste to be disposed of.

As for the LINE Commission's draft recommendations, many are absolutely unacceptable.

- Announcing that several hundred metric tons of spent nuclear fuel that will remain on site at INL for decades, is completely unacceptable.

- You all know Idaho is a non-consent state and to renege (aka "re-write") on the 1995 Settlement Agreement and the subsequent vote of the people of Idaho to NOT ALLOW commercial nuclear waste into Idaho is a travesty to the democratic process. NO MEANS NO.

- On page 30, stating that "giving up the lead nuclear lab designation means INL will lose some or all its research missions to other DOE labs" is a not-so-subtle threat and not based on fact.

- Suggesting that INL become a "Pilot US Regional Interim Storage Facility" for storage until disposal" is preposterous. Disposal where, exactly? You already said the waste would stay here for decades, and true to DOE history, "interim" usually means forever. As you know, a "Used Fuel Storage Demonstration" project requires permission to bring larger than research quantities of used fuel to the site. Who gives this permission and does the public have a voice in this process given they are the ones threatened by the transportation and storage of all this waste? There must be NO

R&D into "interim fuel storage" at INL - pg 40 #21.

- I can think of no other reason for allowing more commercial nuclear waste into Idaho than for the purpose of reprocessing. It's a very dirty and dangerous process halted in 1992 as a "major terrorist threat" and is today one of the major sources of INL's most dangerously radioactive nuclear contamination problems, sitting directly over the sole source of water for nearly 1/4 of all Idahoans.

Reprocessing is a total NO brainer. It must NOT be allowed.

I'm tired of continually working to protect Idaho from illogical, costly, dangerous, dirty and unnecessary nuclear projects proposed for INL. But I

Continue to do so because it is important for INL and the DOE (and now the LINE Commission) to hear from people whose lives will be affected by such projects. By allowing more commercial nuclear waste into Idaho, anyone with a brain would understand that it would further compound the nuclear contamination at INL that this country has already spent billions of taxpayer dollars to clean up. This clean up process is far from over and it doesn't need to be increased.

I won't even go into the risks of transporting this deadly material across the country. As massively expensive, a major terrorist target, and increasing the risk of transport accidents - this alone should shut down this idea.

By protecting those legal agreements that provide protection and funding of INL's clean up programs (1995 Settlement Agreement and Superfund Agreement), Idaho has an opportunity to have a relatively nuclear contamination-free future. Why ruin that chance?

Idaho MUST NOT BECOME A PILOT NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP for the region. Nuclear waste should be stored as safely as possible as close to its site of generation as possible. Shipping nuclear waste "out of sight" creates no incentive to use less polluting, less expensive, less dangerous, less water-consumptive and more public-supported renewable energy sources.

And, if this process you are working on is to be truly open, transparent and democratic, it is mandatory for the public to have access to all comments submitted by the public to the LINE Commission.

INL would do well by its' neighbors, its' workers and the environment if it increased its' mission to include much more research into and development of alternative, clean and renewable energies - that will truly bring energy security to our country.

Sincerely -

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