

To the Legislators of the Idaho Interim Committee on Energy, Environment, and Technology:

Thank you for your efforts on revising the Idaho Energy Plan and for accepting my comments below.

I am writing to tell you that I care about Idaho's energy future. I care about using our energy wisely, knowing that every kilowatt saved through energy efficiency and conservation reduces the need for expensive new power plants and the environmental impacts they carry. I care about developing in-state renewable resources that will provide reliable energy. Producing the electricity locally will reduce transmission costs and create jobs nearby. However, we also need to ensure the methods of power production are clean and safe. Nuclear energy cannot be considered clean and safe until certain disposal methods are in place. Nor should we be allowing foreign companies into our state to produce power for out of state users. Power production's purpose should be to provide power locally. Any other use is out of scope.

As an Idaho citizen and energy consumer, I'm urging you to include standards and incentives in the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan, and ensure that the final Plan contains clear and direct mechanisms for implementation.

Thank you for your consideration,
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