

MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING

**HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 06, 2013

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW02

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Raybould, Vice Chairman Eskridge, Representatives Anderson(1), Hartgen, Vander Woude, DeMordaunt, Nielsen, Thompson, Anderson(31), Anderst, Mendive, Monks, Morse, Trujillo, Smith, Rusche, Woodings

Chairman Pearce, Vice Chairman Bair, Senators Cameron, Siddoway, Brackett, Heider, Tippets, Stennett, Lacey

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** John Chatburn, Governor's Office of Energy Resources; Becky Johnstone, Idaho Council on Industry & Environment (ICIE); David Cook, Jonnathan Wight, Liz Woodruff, Madaline Herrida, Snake River Alliance; Calvin Ozaki, Idaho National Laboratory; Steve Albiston, Eastern Idaho Technical College; Lane Allgood, Partnership for Science & Technology; Dave Hutchison and Erik Simpson, College of Western Idaho, Kristy Sternes, representing Congressman Raul Labrador; Darrell Early, Susan Burke, and Curt Fransen, Department of Environmental Quality; Greg Hahn, Idaho Public Television; Roxana Eixenberger, Idaho Democratic Party; Brenda Tominaga, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association; Matthew May, Mary May, Ray Houston, Legislative Services; Raeleen Welton, Westorberg and Associates, Melissa Smyser, representing Senator James Risch

**Chairman Pearce** called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**Randy McMillan**, President of the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment (ICIE), gave a brief overview of ICIE's Gold Room Workshops. He stated this is their 23rd annual workshop, titled "Idaho's Nuclear Industries - The Past, Present & Future".

**C.L. "Butch" Otter**, Governor of the State of Idaho, explained his executive order creating the Leadership in Nuclear Energy (LINE) Commission. The Commission was established to make recommendations to the Governor on policies and actions the state of Idaho can take to support and enhance the long-term viability and mission of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and the broader nuclear industry in the state.

**Jeff Sayer**, Director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, presented information on the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). He stated INL is responsible for 24,000 direct and indirect jobs in Idaho, and contributes more than \$3.5 billion to the state's economy on an annual basis. Mr. Sayer discussed areas the INL benefits from: Advanced Test Reactor (ATR), Transient Reactor Experiment and Test facility (TREAT), Naval Reactors Facility, Independent Cyber-Security, and Energy and Environment Research.

**Mr. Sayer** reviewed the findings of the Leadership in Nuclear Energy Commission (LINE), and discussed the 1995 Settlement Agreement. He explained the areas of the agreement that are non-negotiable, and presented considerations for change.

**Larry E. Craig**, Retired United States Senator, presented a historic perspective on the settlement agreement. He stated it may be time to make changes in the Settlement Agreement.

**John Grossenbacher**, Director of the Idaho National Laboratory, spoke on the difference between nuclear waste disposal and spent fuel storage. He discussed the techniques used for spent nuclear fuel storage. Mr. Grossenbacher stated the State needs to remain vigilant, use the best science and technology, and then continue to monitor these practices.

**Mark Rudin**, Boise State University (BSU), presented information on the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES), which is a research and education partnership between BSU, Idaho State University, the University of Idaho and the INL. He stated in addition to conducting research on nuclear energy, they also research materials science, bioenergy, carbon management, geothermal energy, and energy efficiency.

In answer to questions on whether the Settlement Agreement stopped shipment of nuclear waste, **Mr. Grossenbacher** stated the agreement only allows used Navy fuel to be shipped to INL. No nuclear waste is brought in for disposal.

The question of what can be done to change the perception of the public, **Mr. Rudin** and **Senator Craig** stated presenting more information and educating the public is needed.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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Representative Raybould  
Chair

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Lynn Walker  
Secretary