

MINUTES

HOUSE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2020

TIME: 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Amador, Representatives Anderst, Horman, Moon, Armstrong, Furniss, Hartgen, Raybould, Young, Chew, Ellis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Anderson, Scott, Ehardt, Lickley, Smith, Mason,

GUESTS: Natalie Creed, Daryl Sawyer, Idaho DEQ

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 2:56 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Ellis** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 and February 20, 2020 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Bruce Burns, Senior Manager of DLZP Group gave an executive overview of the Cloud. Cloud computing refers to the on-demand delivery of IT resources and applications via the Internet with pay-as-you-go pricing. The Cloud is located in huge warehouses, filled with hundreds of thousands of physical servers to provide on-demand IT resources to commercial and governmental customers. 41% of the public cloud market is held by Amazon Web Services. Organizations use the Cloud because it's faster, lower cost, better availability, security and support. DLZP Group is an 8(a) SBA certified, woman- and minority- owned company with a focus on implementing, migrating, hosting, and managing Business Solutions on Amazon Web Services. The State of Idaho has contracted with DLZP Group to offer services for Idaho agencies, institutions, departments, and eligible public agencies at the agencies discretion.

In answer to committee questions, **Mr. Burns** verified that information saved in the Cloud is backed up in multiple ways, as of yet, nothing has ever been lost. He explained that data privacy is maintained in the Cloud on a customer level, customers have the only access to their own data. But he clarified that there is no data privacy when consumers contract with outside applications like Netflix, Amazon, Uber, and others, the data is controlled by those entities. Mr. Burns did confirm that data saved in a Cloud at one time, and then deleted by the consumer, might not be deleted by the vender. It is up to the vender/company, Apple, Samsung, or others to have a policy to delete or continue to store data the consumer deleted on their phone or computer.

Roy Eiguren introduced **Terry Geis**, Vice President of Western Operations for US Ecology presented before the committee. US Ecology has 3400 team members, and 192 employees in Idaho. The companies goal is to provide safe and compliant solutions to protect human health and the environment. US Ecology provides services for treatment, storage and disposal of waste. Mr. Geis shared that the company is usually spending \$1-2 million dollars per year in Idaho.

In November 2018 there was an explosion incident. Most structures have been repaired or replaced, but some investigations are still ongoing. **Mr. Geis** shared how corrective actions have been taken to prevent similar incidents in the future. There was also a landfill fire in December 2019. Fire started in an area where Household Hazardous Waste had been placed. There were no hazards to the community, and the fire was extinguished. Significant corrective actions to mitigate fire potential from similar types of waste has been made.

In June 2019, US Ecology and NRC Group Holdings merged. The combination expands both companies footprint, enhances capabilities to better serve customers and results in an improved financial profile and industry leading position.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Maggie Price
Secretary