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Appendix A contains a copy of the public notification prepared and distributed to inform the general public of the beginning of the 5-year review process required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

# DOE News Release

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## **INEEL conducts interim five-year review of Test Reactor Area remediation activities**

The U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is conducting a routine review of the completed cleanup actions and implemented protective measures at the Test Reactor Area.

This review is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the 1991 Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order signed by DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and state of Idaho. The Test Reactor Area is designated as Waste Area Group 2 in the FFA/CO. The 1997 Record of Decision for the Test Reactor Area outlined actions to be taken to protect human health and safety and the environment.

The Interim Five-year Remedy Review Report details the results of an evaluation and review of the completed cleanup actions and implemented protective measures called institutional controls at all 20 sites at the Test Reactor Area. This review is required to be performed every five years at sites whenever contamination is left in place to ensure remedies remain protective of human health and safety and the environment.

Previous cleanup actions involved the remediation of a wastewater disposal pond contaminated with cesium-137 and chromium; the removal of wind-blown contaminated soils; the implementation of a groundwater monitoring program for the perched water system; and the relocation of INEEL-contaminated soils to a wastewater disposal pond at the Test Reactor Area.

The Test Reactor Area was built in 1952 with the mission of studying the effect of radiation on materials, fuels and equipment using seven reactors, especially the Materials Test Reactor (1952-1970), the Engineering Test Reactor (1957-1981) and the Advanced Test Reactor (1967-present).

The current mission of the Test Reactor Area is wet storage of spent nuclear fuel; operation of the INEEL's largest reactor – the Advanced Test Reactor – for research supporting the U.S. Navy and other customers; and to produce isotopes for medicine and industry.

More information on the Test Reactor Area is available online at: <http://www.inel.gov/publicdocuments/factsheet/tra-fsheet.pdf> . Detailed information is available in the Administrative Record file for Operable Unit 2-13. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albertson's Library on the Boise State University campus and the University of Idaho Library

in Moscow. The Administrative Record can be accessed on the Internet at <http://ar.inel.gov/home.html>.

The INEEL is a science-based, applied engineering national laboratory dedicated to supporting the U.S. Department of Energy's missions in environment, energy, science and national security. The INEEL is operated for the DOE by Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC.

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