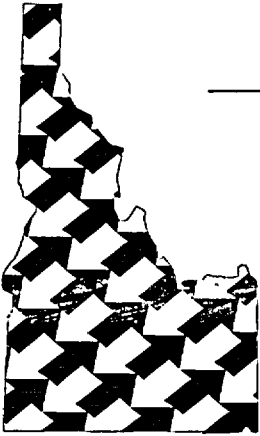


# Citizens Advisory Board

## Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory



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Matt Blevins  
Chief, Rules and Directives Branch  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0111

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Dear Mr. Blevins:

Note: The Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), also known as the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board (CAB), is a local advisory committee chartered under the Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management SSAB Federal Advisory Committee Act Charter.

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The INEEL CAB has reviewed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)'s Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the licensing of the proposed Idaho Spent Fuel Facility, an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) to be located on the INEEL. We understand the license application will be considered under NRC regulations. We further understand that the license would authorize the applicant to receive, possess, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and other radioactive materials associated with SNF at the proposed facility.

The INEEL CAB only meets every other month, and your public comment schedule did not allow for development of scoping comments by the full Board. We understand that the proposed facility was analyzed in some level of detail in the Department of Energy (DOE)'s 1995 "Programmatic Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Programs Environmental Impact Statement." We further understand that the NRC issued a license to DOE in 1998 for the construction and operation of another ISFSI at the INEEL for storage of SNF from the Three Mile Island - Unit 2 Reactor based on an EIS that evaluated the impacts of that facility. Finally, we understand that many of the impacts from the new ISFSI will have been previously reviewed.

The INEEL CAB will be interested in reviewing the Draft EIS when it becomes available for public review. Please make sure we are on distribution for the document (our address is on this letterhead).

Sincerely,

*R.D. Kaestner*

Bob Kaestner, Chair  
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