

Public Notice: Request for Comments



Notice of Intent to Approve a Draft Hazardous Waste Partial Permit Modification for the INTEC Liquid Waste Management System on the INL (10HW-1302)

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What is the purpose of this notice? The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing to issue a modified Hazardous Waste Storage and Treatment Facility Partial Permit for Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center Liquid Waste Management System (ILWMS). The modified Permit is based on the Class 3 modification request submitted on December 4, 2012, and subsequent submittals. The requested modifications address changes to the design and operation of the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). Such modifications are not unilaterally approved by DEQ. Before approval, you (the public), and the applicant are provided an opportunity to comment on the modified portions of the draft partial Permit prepared by DEQ.

What Is Proposed?

The Class 3 permit modification request includes design and operational changes deemed necessary to recover from the upset conditions encountered during system start-up, and to address other issues identified in the post-upset system check. Operational changes include resetting some safety shut downs and reappportioning airflows to system components. The ILWMS Partial Permit is being modified to include design, operation, and inspection changes to the IWTU. The modified portions of the draft are hereby proposed for approval.

What happens next? DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for a hearing on the proposed Permit modification and will either announce a time and place for a hearing, revise the draft Permit modifications, or approve the draft Permit modifications as proposed

Facility description: The facility is the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in Scoville, ID. The ILWMS Partial Permit addresses liquid waste storage and treatment at INTEC. It includes tank storage, two evaporators, a fractionation system, and the IWTU steam reformers.

Where can I get more information?

In person: The draft modified Permit, Fact Sheet, and Administrative Record for the facility may be reviewed at the DEQ State Office, located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho.

Online: A Fact Sheet for the draft Permit, supporting documents, and the draft modified Permit are available on-line via the DEQ web site www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities

By phone: Call Brian English at (208) 373-0502.

Persons wanting to be added to or deleted from the facility mailing list should contact Ms. René Anderson at the same address and/or at (208) 373-0210.

When are written comments due?

5 p.m. MDT on August 12, 2013. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Jenny Shafer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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Who will be responsible for implementing this permit? U.S. Department of Energy and their contractor CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC.

Who is the issuing office? Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706

What are DEQ's responsibilities? DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities.

What legal requirements apply? Idaho's rules for administrative procedures require that DEQ provide an owner (or operator) and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on the draft Permit modification. Only the Modified permit conditions are open for review and comment.