

# AFTER INL WORDS

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Tom Clements**, 208-520-1708 or thomas.clements1955@gmail.com

Greetings Fellow Retirees! I hope this message finds you doing well and enjoying summer now that it has finally arrived. This past winter has made me envious of you snowbirds that escape the Idaho cold!

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, a near-term focus was on rebuilding the IREA Board membership. I am happy to report the addition of new Board members Louis Valenti, Ken Krivanek, Bob Skinner, and Doug Akers. These new members bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to the Board and we look forward to their contributions. We were able to hold the Annual Meeting for the first time in a few years during the spring social event at the Hilton in May. New officers were presented to Annual meeting attendees and elected. New officers include: Louis Valenti, Vice President; Ken Krivanek, Secretary; and Bob Skinner, Treasurer. I appreciate their willingness to serve and help with revitalizing IREA. I also appreciate Doug Akers taking over as the Technical Program lead.



Recent IREA events- the May social at the Hilton and the June retirement/financial discussion with Westmark at Idaho Brewing Company- were well attended. Ty Blackford, President-Idaho Environmental Coalition gave a great talk on status of cleanup activities. Jeff Jones and Jayme O'Rullian, Westmark, gave very informative information on considerations now that you are retired. Westmark also graciously provided the pizza, salads, and soft drinks for the event. If you have ideas for future activities, please do not hesitate to contact the IREA Board.

As far as future activities, the Board has started planning for the Fall social event and a technical program with Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA) is scheduled for 2 pm on September 20, 2023 at the CAES facility. Stay tuned for more information on both events. We are exploring approaches to increasing IREA membership including getting help from INL in reaching out to retirees and setting up information booths at local events.

Another future event being considered is on the Worker Health and Protection Program and free medical screening that is available for INL workers. Finally, we recently received BEA response to IREA questions regarding the INL pension plan. The Board will be evaluating the responses and deciding on requesting a formal meeting with the INL Pension Plan Committee. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in IREA!

## Save the dates and plan to join these IREA events

### Taco Tuesday returns on Sept. 5

We had so much fun last year with Taco Tuesday for our fall social, we decided to do it again this year.



Location: IREA will hold a 2023 social at Garcia's Restaurant, 2180 E 17th St, Idaho Falls, (next to the Grand Teton mall)

Date and time: **Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023** at noon

Menu: Includes a buffet taco bar, cheese enchiladas, chimi's, chips and salsa and a soft drink.

Adult beverages will be available for purchase.  
Cost: Current IREA members and one guest - \$15 per person  
Non-members - \$22.50 per person.

RSVP: Required by Aug. 31 to [inlretiredemployees@gmail.com](mailto:inlretiredemployees@gmail.com) or call/text Teri at 208-521-5171. You will pay for your meal at the door.

Join us for a chance to catch up with former co-workers and friends and meet new friends.

### INL update technical session

Wednesday, September 20, 2 p.m., INL CAES Auditorium for update on INL activities and accomplishments.

Tentative presenters:

John Revier, Director of External Engagement and Communications  
Glen Murrell, Director of Community and Regional Engagement  
Jason Stolworthy, Director of Technology Transfer  
Sara Prentice, Director of Communications

The team will do a short lab overview, address engagement with industry and share a bit about our Government Affairs work and share highlights and give look-ahead updates. This will be followed by a conversation between attendees and the presenters.

RSVP by Sept. 14, to [inlretiredemployees@gmail.com](mailto:inlretiredemployees@gmail.com) so we know how many to plan for.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Carla Dwight, 208-520-1527, [Carla.c.dwight@gmail.com](mailto:Carla.c.dwight@gmail.com)

- We have 212 active members (i.e., have paid thru 2022 or 2023 dues)
- Of the active members, 10 are new this year:
  - Danna Herbst
  - Thomas Lillo
  - Steve Ricard
  - Robert Hendrickson
  - Edward Dal Lago
  - Jeff Brower
  - Patricia Loo
  - Kelly Estes
  - Diane Croson
  - Brad Schrader

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU!**

- **We have also had several non-active members re-join this year—welcome back and thank you!**
- Our total active membership has not grown much overall despite having new members join, as they are offset by those no longer with us.
- Of our currently active members, 146 have paid for 2023 dues; leaving 66 active members still owing 2023 dues.
- Of our current 212 active members, we have 43 members that requested and paid for hardcopy information; plus 7 additional active members that requested electronic information but have emails that have been “bouncing.” So currently we mail 50 members hardcopy info.
- Our active members are in various locations, as summarized below:
  - 164 (77%) live in the area, ~ 50-mile radius from Idaho Falls
  - 17 (8%) live in Idaho outside of the ~ 50-mile radius
  - 31 (15%) live in 18 other states, as follows:

Arizona 1	Indiana 1	North Carolina 1	Utah 3
Arkansas 1	Maryland 1	Oklahoma 1	Virginia 2
Colorado 2	Minnesota 1	Ohio 1	Washington 6
Georgia 1	Montana 2	South Dakota 1	Wyoming 2
	Nevada 2	Texas 2	

## IREA Board Members

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Sandra Birk			
Craig Tyler			
Jerry Johnson			

## New Board Members

We are excited to have several new board members: The following information was provided so we can get to know them.

### **Louis Valenti**

Our new IREA vice president is Louis Valenti who was born July 04, 1953, and is 70 years old.



He is a retired Navy veteran 21yrs, 1971 to 1992, Command Chief Missoula Montana US Navy Reserve Center

Career: Nuclear Industry, 35 years, 1972 2017, Navy Nuclear Operation and Refueling, Commercial Nuclear Construction, INL Research, Operations, Supervisor at TTAF, Building Experiments for ATR. 2004 Research Award for Geological Environmental Operational Probe System. Operation Specialist for Research on Indigenous Bio Transportaion of Transuranic Waste.

Education: Two Associate Degrees, Eastern Idaho Technical College, University of Idaho, Bachelor of Science Industrial Engineering, Specialist Degree Education, Master's Degree Industrial Engineering.

Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 972. Built the Idaho State Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Idaho Falls, with the Freedom Birds.

He was born and raised in Louisiana and has been an Idaho Native since 1977.

He married Gloria C. Valenti 11yrs, together 28 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

His hobbies include Growing Roses, Vegetable Garden, Restoring Antique Cars and Trucks, Photography, Pursuing a Degree in Geology.

### **Robert Skinner**

Bob Skinner is the new IREA treasurer. He retired from CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC in 2006 as department manager for radioactive waste operations. He was responsible for all solid low-level radioactive waste disposal at the Idaho site. Bob spent over 40 years working in various capacities in the nuclear industry. He also worked for Bechtel BWXT Idaho, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies, and Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear Company. He has a Bachelor of Science in General Science from the University of Nebraska and a Science diploma from Mesa State College. Bob served eight years in the United States Nuclear Navy and 30 years in the United States Navy Reserve, retiring at the rank of Captain in 2007. He is associated with the American Nuclear Society, American Legion, National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists, Bonneville County Veterans Commission, Military Affairs Committee, and the Military Officers Association. He speaks to schools on a wide variety of topics and is a guest lecturer at Idaho State University and the College of Eastern Idaho. Bob and his wife, Julieann, reside in Idaho Falls.



### **Ken Krivanek**

I am Ken Krivanek and am the new secretary of the IREA. I was hired by Exxon to be a member of the Environmental Engineering Department at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant (ICPP) in September of 1983. In 1984 I became the manager of the department when Westinghouse took over the ICPP contract. I left the Chem Plant in 1991 right after Jimmy Carter mandated the cessation of fuel reprocessing. I went to work as a subcontractor for DOE. Under contract with DOE I provided specialized technical and regulatory support for nuclear fuel, waste management, environmental restoration, and environmental quality programs at the INEEL and other facilities managed by the DOE-ID. I assisted in the development of the site treatment plan (STP) that DOE was required to complete under the Federal Facilities Compliance Act. I spent most of the rest of my INL career ensuring the complete and timely implementation of that plan. I retired as a subcontractor in January 2020 after nearly 37 years working at the INL. Since retirement I have spent the majority of my time enjoying life at my cabin in Lava Hot Springs. I love to ride my



bicycle and hike in the Idaho backcountry with my dogs that are always at my side. Recently I have been using the Amtrak rail system to explore this great country and to visit friends and family. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your IREA secretary and I hope this arrangement may last many years.

## Spring social

### **Blackford highlights cleanup success during IREA May Social Event/Annual meeting**



The IREA social and annual meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on May 10, 2023. The event was well-attended with 47 IREA members and 3 guests from the Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC).

The Hilton provided a great meal consisting of a potato bar, with all the fixings, salad and desserts. Ty Blackford, President and Program Manager for IEC spoke to the status and accomplishments for cleanup activities at the site. Retrieval of buried transuranic waste has been completed and shipments of transuranic waste to the repository continue. Spent fuel has been removed from the storage pools and placed in dry storage. The Integrated Waste Treatment Unit has begun treatment of tank sodium-bearing liquid. Ty's talk was very informative and engaging as a number of questions were asked by the audience. The Annual Meeting was conducted for the election of officers.

New IREA officers are: Tom Clements, President; Louis Valenti, Vice President; Ken Krivanek, Secretary; and Bob Skinner, Treasurer. A good time was had by all!



## Technical program

### Westmark financial planners stress planning for retirement, life changes



By Sandra Birk

Thank you for attending the retirement discussion at the Idaho Brewing Company on June 21. Over 40 people attended, and one 37-year-old, though we are still confirming that one!

Here's a quick recap. The purpose of the meeting was to have Westmark share some important considerations as you retire. Financial planners Jeff Jones and Jaymie O'Rullian emphasized the importance of having important information like who



the beneficiaries are for bank accounts, insurance policies, etc., passwords and wills, in a single place. Jeff noted that usually one spouse knows all this information and often they die first, leading others to scramble for this information. Jeff emphasized this is not a once and done but should be updated annually.

Jayme shared options for deciding when to take social security benefits and managing Required Minimum Distributions. He noted they have calculators available to help members make these decisions.

Jeff and Jayme agreed to provide a transcript of the meeting and we will send this out to all members. They are also interested in your ideas for presentations on other topics for future meetings.



## **BENEFITS** – Tom McLaughlin, 208-523-1481, [tommac2230@aol.com](mailto:tommac2230@aol.com)

The IREA Board continues to review the INL Pension Plan in an attempt to gauge the likelihood of obtaining a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for existing retirees. Below is a list of questions that were sent to the Contractor, BEA, several months ago. The answers from the Contractor are below the questions in italics and any comments the Board had are in bold print. This information is provided to you in order to more fully inform the membership of Board activities. The Organization has been rebuffed in the past when similar COLAs were requested. The Board has also been in contact with other DOE site retiree's organizations (e.g., SNL, ORNL) to determine their activities in regards to COLAs. To date none have been successful in obtaining COLAs for their retirees. Questions or suggestions can be directed to the Board.

### **BEA RESPONSE TO INL PENSION PLAN QUESTIONS**

1. Due to recent stock market perturbations is an asset/liability study planned to determine an asset allocation policy for 2023 and beyond?

*The Pension Investment Committee (PIC) periodically undertakes an asset/liability modeling (ALM) studies to assess the appropriateness of the pension plan's asset allocation and investment policy. Investment strategies are consistently reviewed and considered by the governing committees of the plan*

2. What changes to the investment strategy have already been made for 2023 from the strategy used in 2022?

*There were asset losses to the plan during calendar year 2022. This is not unique to the INL pension plan, as equity markets and fixed income investments both lost value during 2022. However, falling interest rates have also caused the market value of plan liabilities to decrease. The result of these movements is that the plan's market-based funded status (market value of assets divided by the market value of plan liabilities) has remained relatively stable over the last 12 months, with the current market-based funded status being slightly above 100%.*

3. How have market losses affected the plan to date and is there minimum contribution made to the plan each year even if the Funding Target Attainment Percentage is above 100%?

***Partially answered in paragraph 2 above.*** *IRS rules determine if a minimum contribution is required. There are situations where a minimum contribution is required, despite the Funding Target Attainment Percentage being slightly above 100%. However, if plan assets exceed the plan's Funding Target Liability by more than the "Normal Cost" for the year, the minimum required contribution will be zero. (The Normal Cost is the actuarial present value of new retirement benefits earned during the year by active employees earning additional service and receiving pay increases.)*

4. Will DOE have to ask for additional funding from Congress to cover pension obligations from the various DOE managed sites? Are there funds available from any of the Covid supplemental bills that can be applied to the Pension Plan assets?



*Based on the answer to paragraph 3 we do not require extra/additional funding from DOE. **Additional funding from Covid bills was not answered although based on the Biden/McCarthy agreement any uncommitted funding for Covid supplements was withdrawn.***

5. Have the INL pension committees or the Contractor organization had any discussions with the local DOE office concerning the impact of inflation on the retirees? Have any discussions been held with DOE Headquarters concerning the impact of inflation on retirees?

*Currently, there are no plans to make changes to pension payments due to inflation. COLA increases are not within the scope of what the PAC would propose and can only be determined by the individual plan sponsors and only with the approval of DOE. Since a COLA would increase plan liabilities requiring current and future plan funding, this would require further congressional budget appropriation. **In the past when we have approached DOE on COLAs they have bounced it back to the Contractor. When we approached our congressional delegation about COLAs they have preferred to forward it to DOE who then sent it to the Contractor for evaluation.***

6. What is the attitude of the INL investment committees to recommending a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees based on past inflation? The last adjustment was made in 1992. Will the investment committees be a willing to have Mercer review the additional liabilities to the Plan for various scenarios of COLA's for retirees?

*Answered in paragraph 5 above. **Not specifically answered for having Mercer perform liability scenarios for different COLAs. Without this information it is difficult to determine what amount to request for a COLA.***

7. Has INL performed a benefits assessment (pre- and post-retirement benefits) of comparable companies to INL and if so, how does that assessment compare to INL benefits.

*We perform periodic benefits assessments and participate in comparison surveys. The retirement plans offered to INL employees are competitive in the marketplace for which the INL competes for talent, including other DOE labs. As with COLAs, note that benefit design issues are also more within the scope of the Plan Sponsors (as opposed to the PAC), with approval of DOE.*

8. Have the Site Contractors considered providing Health Reimbursement Accounts with a stipend to post 65 retirees to offset health care costs as is done at several other DOE Laboratory Sites?

*A Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) for post-65 retirees is not being considered. Also, the design of the BEA HRA, for example, is geared towards employees. HRA points—and therefore credits/dollars—are only available to employees as they earn them through the Virgin Pulse wellness program, and unclaimed dollars are forfeited if employees leave BEA employment.*

9. Would INL Investment Committee representative be willing to attend and provide an overview of the Pension Plan status at a future IREA Technical Program?

***Not answered. In the past they have provided individuals to speak on the pension plan although the last time they preferred to send written answers to our questions such as they have done here.***

## **BENEFITS**

This section provides information to retirees regarding their benefits, points of contact within INL, contacts with companies supporting retiree services, and other information useful to retirees.

### **2023 HR CONTACTS FOR BEA AND IEC RETIREES**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>POC phone</b>	<b>POC email</b>
<b>Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA)</b>	HR – Eric Wittwer	208-526-0638	<a href="mailto:eric.wittwer@inl.gov">eric.wittwer@inl.gov</a>
	Medical Benefit Questions Tamy Tolman		<a href="mailto:Tamera.Tolman@inl.gov">Tamera.Tolman@inl.gov</a>
	Pension – Northern Trust	(866) 252-5395 general inquiries	See Pension Plan details that follow
	Investment Plan – Vanguard	1-800-523-1188	Participant Services
	Retiree’s Passing – Callie Stone	208-526-0352	<a href="mailto:Callie.stone@inl.gov">Callie.stone@inl.gov</a>
<b>Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC)</b>	HR – Jenni Ackerman	208-533-3772	<a href="mailto:jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov">jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov</a>
	Retiree’s Passing – Callie Stone	208-526-0352	<a href="mailto:Callie.stone@inl.gov">Callie.stone@inl.gov</a>
	Pension – Northern Trust	(866) 252-5395 general inquiries	See Pension Plan details that follow
	Investment Plan - Vanguard	1-800-523-1188	Participant Services

## **CONTACTING BENEFITS – BATTELLE ENERGY ALLIANCE (BEA)**

**BEA retirees with a Benefits question, but you are not sure who to contact:** INL has set up a benefits-dedicated phone number you can use to reach a human or leave a voice message: 208-526-5500. A benefits-dedicated email box has also been set up to which you can send a message, [beabenefits@inl.gov](mailto:beabenefits@inl.gov). The e-message is read and directed by a human to the appropriate HR POC who can answer your inquiry. Retirees can also access a website at <https://inlcareers.inl.gov/retirees> for additional information. This website contains forms needed to make address and phone number changes and frequently asked questions and answers. Here is an additional resource to check if you need to make any of the changes mentioned <https://inlretirees.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Benefits-Finance-important-facts.pdf>

**Atten: When you need to contact Human Resources (HR) we suggest that you**

- First send an email to [beabenefits@inl.gov](mailto:beabenefits@inl.gov) that clearly states your question – be sure to include your full name, email address, and phone number in the email text.
- You will receive an email response from an HR specialist detailing the answer within one (1) full business day (this does not include weekend days).
- If you have not received an email response after a minimum of one (1) full business day, call the POC's phone number and leave a voicemail message. In that voicemail explain that you have sent an email detailing your question.

Sending an email has worked for IREA board members when they had a question. In one business day they received clearly written guidance in the body of the email and an attachment containing the needed data!!

## **RETIREEES WITH BENEFIT QUESTIONS – IDAHO ENVIROMENTAL COALITION (IEC)**

Contact Jenni Ackerman at 208-533-3772 or send her an email at [jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov](mailto:jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov) if you have an IEC Benefits question.

## **INL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT (PENSION) PLAN**

This paragraph pertains to retirees who receive a monthly annuity from INL via Northern Trust Company. These are retirees who were in the INL pension plan before it was closed to new participants in 2005. Retiree pension information (direct deposit, tax withholding, etc.) is managed by Northern Trust. If you need to make changes or need to review past data you should do so on the Northern Trust web site or by calling them. See the information on Northern Trust below.

## **INL INVESTMENT PLAN**

Changes you wish to make or questions on your investment account (401K) should be made through Vanguard Participant Services (1-800-523-1188).

## **RETIREE PASSING**

**BEA or IEC INL contact for retiree's family:** INL has set up a dedicated phone number (208-526-0352) for your family to inform Finance and Benefits of your passing. Your family member will receive help answering their questions and guidance with any needed paperwork. Be sure to include this information in your important papers in order that individuals handling your affairs have clear guidance.

## **LIFE INSURANCE**

### **IF YOU ELECTED LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE WHEN YOU RETIRED**

General questions about life insurance should be directed to your HR point of contact.

Remember, when you retired, the insurance policy was a benefit you had to elect to take and pay for monthly from your pension check. **If you have no monthly life insurance premium deduction** from your INL monthly pension payment, you DO NOT have this insurance coverage. If you did elect this coverage, the life insurance carrier is Prudential Insurance. They can be reached at [1-800-562-9874](tel:1-800-562-9874), and INL's group number is 44274.

Be sure to contact the insurance carrier if you need to change beneficiaries on your policy. Also include life insurance contact information in your important papers so the person handling your estate has clear guidance on this policy.

## NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

<p>Northern Trust now handles INL finance for retirees who receive a monthly pension payment. Contact information for Northern Trust follows:</p> <p>The Northern Trust Company Benefit Payment Services 50 South LaSalle Street, W-38 Chicago, Illinois 60603 Phone: <a href="tel:312-557-9700">312-557-9700</a> <a href="http://Northerntrust.com/bppweb">Northerntrust.com/bppweb</a></p>	<p>Retirees with the pension plan can manage their personal information on file with Northern Trust such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mailing address</li><li>• Banking Information</li><li>• Federal Tax Withholding</li><li>• State Tax Withholding</li><li>• Access Paystubs</li><li>• Access Tax Forms</li></ul> <p>Toll free telephone numbers for Northern Trust are:</p> <p><b>(866) 252-5395</b> - General inquiries concerning payment information</p> <p><b>(888) 259-6835</b> - Assistance related to enrolling in the web or password resets</p>
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The system used by Northern Trust allows on-line or telephone access to individual's retirement account information, payment history and tax forms. On-line information is available upon enrolling in the Benefit Payment Participant Web Passport at the web page "northerntrust.com/bppweb". The web page allows one to update personal information, tax withholding (including State tax withholding that was not available in the past), and to request forms. If using the phone to contact Northern Trust the retiree will need to answer security questions before changes are made. If unable to answer all verification questions they will be referred to INL to make changes or obtain information.

Banking information changes cannot be made over the phone or on the web. These changes must be done in writing. By calling Northern Trust the retiree can request a form to be mailed, faxed or emailed to them. The form must be mailed back to Northern Trust. This form is also on the back of the monthly Advice statement if the retiree is having statements mailed to them. Representatives are available twenty-four hours a day to answer questions from plan participants at the numbers listed above.

## **IREA 2022 Annual Treasurer's Report**

Tom Clements, (208-520-1708) or thomas.clements1955@gmail.com

A summary of the financial status of IREA as of December 31, 2022 is provided below. The 2022 income for IREA came from membership dues and interest from savings. Efforts to restart IREA activities resulted in our first social event in several years at Garcia's in October 2022. This event was partially subsidized by IREA. Efforts to actively collect annual dues were successful and resulted in \$1950.00 being received.

**Total Revenue: Dues of \$1950.00 + Interest of \$2.89 = \$1952.89**

### **Expenses:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Communications	Website maintenance and domain name service fees; Newsletter, social postcards, arrears notification	452.33
Technical Meetings	Hall rental; pizza; soda	\$0.00
Social Events	Fall Social-Garcia's (net expense)	\$343.84
Admin. Expenses	PO Box rental, short check fee	\$338.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,134.17</b>

For 2022, more revenue was realized, and expenses were higher with restart of IREA activities. Revenue increased (approximately \$1048.00) over 2021 with restarting dues collection. Dues had been suspended during the covid pandemic. Expenses were higher than 2021 (\$566.98) due to increased mailings to members (\$73.14), changing from paying for the PO box rental from every 6-month to paying annually and a short check fee (\$150.00), and subsidizing the Fall social event (\$343.84).

Balances for the checking account and savings account, as of 12/31/2022 were \$5,533.59 and \$4,624.71, respectively, bringing total IREA assets to a value of \$10,158.30.

For 2023, the current IREA account balance is \$10,668.19 as of June 30, 2023. We hope that membership continues to increase, which will bring more revenue, along with increased interest savings from the term certificate of deposit setup in March 2023, to help subsidize future activities.

## **Idaho National Laboratory Update**

### **INL focuses on expanding regional engagement**

**By John Revier, Director, INL External Engagement and Communications**

When I talk about Idaho National Laboratory to external audiences, I emphasize that INL is not just Idaho's national laboratory, but a national laboratory for our entire region. INL has unprecedented opportunities to broaden its regional engagement and expand the lab's reputation as an honest partner and trusted technical expert.

For instance, the Lab has engaged representatives from Wyoming, Utah and Alaska as they explore their own interest in advanced nuclear; helped educate policymakers looking to build clean energy economies; and worked to organize state efforts aimed at protecting critical infrastructure. These efforts, and many others, establish INL's reputation as a regional resource and trusted partner on issues critical to national and energy security.



And over the past few years we have strategically engaged our community and region in areas including K-12 STEM outreach, workforce development, supply chain management, economic development, and energy and environmental justice.

Recognizing the opportunities and challenges of expanded regional engagement, the recent creation of the External Engagement and Communications directorate included the creation of a Community and Regional Engagement team. This new team puts the right people in the right roles to execute the lab's strategy of raising INL's profile and increasing our regional and community engagement.

This new team will be present in our local and regional community, working with companies, school districts, community and technical colleges, state and local governments, retirees, and other stakeholders and partners to elevate the impact of INL's science and technology and form long-lasting, mutually beneficial partnerships.

I would like to introduce INL's retirees to members of this new team:

#### **Glen Murrell**

Glen came to INL from the Wyoming Energy Authority, where he helped develop a working agreement between that state and our laboratory. As the director of Community and Regional Engagement, Glen will develop a strategy and oversee INL's efforts to develop and expand partnerships, primarily here in Idaho and across Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Nevada and Alaska.

#### **Jennifer Jackson**

Jenn and her team lead INL's K-12 STEM education outreach. They travel the state, assisting our public schools, conducting teacher training seminars and inspiring tens of thousands of

students. Jenn has recently added Tribal Engagement to her duties and is INL's primary point of contact for engagement with our tribal partners.

### **Hope Morrow**

Over the past two years, Hope has led INL's workforce development efforts and community college partnerships where she has helped usher in a memorandum of understanding with the College of Eastern Idaho and the creation of the Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium. She now takes over INL's economic development efforts as well.

### **Rae Moss**

To expand our regional collaborations westward, Rae will lead our efforts in the Pacific Northwest, especially Washington and Oregon, where organizations such as the Clean Tech Alliance and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region play important roles in establishing clean energy economies.

### **Misty Benjamin**

As INL's important role in eastern Idaho grows, Misty remains focused on building a revised strategy around INL's community giving, including the United Way effort, and leads our Employee Association.

### **Stacey Francis**

Collaborations with Idaho and regional small businesses remain vital to INL's ability to deliver its mission and grow the laboratory. Stacey will continue to oversee our highly effective small business program and integrate her outreach efforts with those of the entire Community and Regional Engagement team.

I want to encourage any of you who may have an interest in INL's community and regional outreach efforts to reach out to Glen and his team. Glen can be reached at [Glen.Murrell@inl.gov](mailto:Glen.Murrell@inl.gov) and can connect you with members of his team. And please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of assistance to you in any way reach out at [John.Revier@inl.gov](mailto:John.Revier@inl.gov).

*(John Revier is the director of INL's External Engagement and Communications directorate. In this role, he helps make INL an innovation leader and strong partner to governments, academia and industry across the region and beyond. His focus on the externally facing elements and activities at the laboratory helps INL speak with a single voice to external audiences. Prior to this role, he served for seven years as the director of State and Regional Government Affairs for INL, where he was the primary interface for the laboratory with the state of Idaho, local governments and other stakeholders within the region. Before joining INL, Revier served for over 14 years as Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson's legislative director and deputy chief of staff. Prior to that, he worked for Minnesota Sen. Rod Grams in both his state and Washington, D.C., offices. Revier is a native Minnesotan and graduate of Mankato State University.)*



## **Idaho Cleanup Project update**

### **Cleanup Contractor Focusing on End State for Several Projects**

Midway through its second year, Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) contractor Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC) has hit its stride and is making progress toward achieving the end state of several major projects and facilities at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site.

In March, the IEC spent nuclear fuel program completed the wet-to-dry project nine months ahead of the 1995 Idaho Settlement Agreement milestone. For the first time in decades, there is no spent nuclear fuel in long-term wet storage at the INL Site. Spent nuclear fuel will continue to be managed onsite in several dry storage locations.

#### **Integrated Waste Treatment Unit**

The following month, the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) began radiological



operations by treating a 10-percent blend of radioactive sodium-bearing liquid waste from the nearby tank farm to 90 percent simulant. As the treatment goals at the facility were met, operators treated a blend of 50:50 waste to simulant and has since varied the simulant-to-waste mix in an effort to optimize current plant operations. Removing the tank farm waste places the cleanup program another step closer to the cleaning, grouting, and closing of the three remaining waste tanks and closing and capping the entire tank farm. *(Photo*

*shows First day (April 11, 2023) of radiological operations at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit.)*

#### **Radioactive Waste Management Complex**

Closure of the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RMWC) is another step closer as the state of Idaho sent a letter to IEC in May indicating that it considers Pads 1 and R at the Transuranic Storage Area-Retrieval Enclosure (TSA-RE) as officially closed following waste and asphalt removal from the area.

In the lead up to official closure, crews removed more than 15 million pounds of asphalt, filling 860 waste containers.

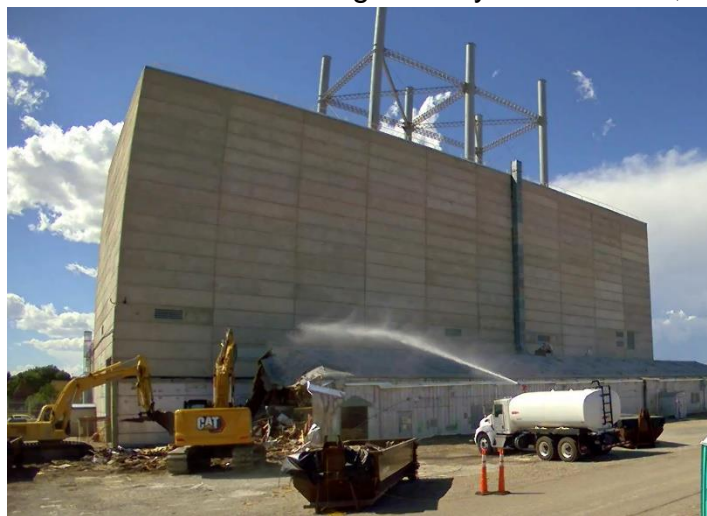
The TSA-RE pads received waste from Department of Energy sites from 1970 to the late 1980s. Waste was stored outside on asphalt pads and covered with soil. The TSA-RE, a 7-acre facility, was built to allow for safe retrieval of the waste from the asphalt pads for treatment at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP).

Also at the RWMC, crews are making preparations to demolish another Accelerated Retrieval Project (ARP) enclosure at the Subsurface Disposal Area (SDA). A total of nine enclosures were built over the 97-acre Cold War-era landfill to retrieve targeted radioactive and hazardous wastes, which were disposed of between 1952 to 1970. The ARP mission was completed in 2022.

Two enclosures were demolished before IEC was awarded the ICP contract. Following the removal of ARP-IV last September and ARP-V in July 2023, crews will remove the remaining five structures by the end of 2024. Construction of an earthen cover (or cap) over the entire SDA will begin soon after and will be completed by 2028.

### **Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility Expansion; Naval Reactors Facility Demolition**

Construction will also begin next year on a new, lined landfill cell and evaporation pond at the



onsite Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility (ICDF). The ICDF, an engineered landfill that can accept only onsite cleanup wastes, will grow from 510,000 cubic yards to 1.38 million cubic yards to continue to accept wastes for the next 25 years.

One of the projects that will likely send contaminated debris to the ICDF is the demolition of the S1W and A1W buildings, support structures, and reactor vessels. The prototype reactors were used for decades to train Navy personnel to operate reactors

that power the Navy's submarines and aircraft carriers. *(Photo shows IEC crews demolishing two buildings at the Naval Reactors Facility to prepare the site for the eventual demolition of the S1W building, reactor vessel, and associated structures.)*

### **Waste Management Program**

Meanwhile, Waste Management crews continue to ship transuranic-managed wastes to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. In 2023, the overall number of shipments to WIPP (since its inception) from Idaho will top 7,000. As the AMWTP mission is completed, the facility's buildings will be closed and demolished.

### **Calcine Retrieval Project**

The Calcine Retrieval Project continues to develop technologies to retrieve and transfer 220 cubic meters of granulated high-level radioactive waste from bin set #1 and transfer the material to bin set #6. This will be an important step toward retrieving all 4,400 cubic meters of calcine from six bin sets and preparing the material for permanent disposal outside of Idaho.

Engineers flew a drone into the bin set #1 vault last fall to map the inside using LiDAR technology and to obtain radiation readings. That information will benefit future retrieval action.

## **Conclusion**

Visible cleanup progress is continuing at the 890-square-mile Site with much more left to come in the following years.

## **In remembrance**

### **‘No Longer with Us’ for November 2022 – June 2023:**

Beverly Bean, 208-357-1845, [mbofidaho@yahoo.com](mailto:mbofidaho@yahoo.com)

The following lists our INL friends who passed away in November 2022 through June 2023. IREA historian, Beverly Bean, compiles this information from the *Post Register* (Idaho Falls), INL sources, and by calls from friends and family. If there are names you know we have missed, please contact Bev.

### **Previous**

**Joseph Albert Hanny** (88) passed away 8/20/21. He retired from EG&G in 2000.

**Kent Dale Willford** (75) passed 5/25/20. He worked at INL as a RadCon Tech for 29 years.

**Raymon ‘Ray’ Lewis Critser** (90) passed away 8/17/22.

**Wendy Michelle (Madsen) Faler** (71) passed away 8/31/22.

**Server Sadik** (77) passed away 9/22/22. He worked at INL as an engineer.

**Dean W. Gibson** (83) passed away 10/31/22. He worked at INL as an electrician.

### **November 2022**

**Iva Jane Butler** (79) passed away 11/1/22. Her career included working in cafeterias all over East Idaho, including the Idaho National Lab.

**Theodore A. Thomas** (84) passed away 11/1/22.

**Ronald Fuchs** (78) passed away 11/2/22.

**Norman Ward Knox** (97) passed away 11/3/22.

**Emery Mead Belnap** (93) passed away 11/6/22. He worked at INL as a pipefitter and retired after 38 years as a Supervisor of Maintenance.

**Jack Edward Mott** (85) passed away 11/6/22.

**Carroll William ‘Bill’ Ison** (91) passed away 11/7/22. He worked at INL for over 35 years. He worked as a Health Physics Technician and supervisor mostly at ICPP.

**Helen Edna Sobieski** (83) passed away 11/9/22.

**James Lee Rohrbaugh** (74) passed away 11/9/22. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer and retired as a manager of the Life Safety Systems division.

**Bobby Archibald** (86) passed away 11/10/22.

**William 'Bill' Yurkowski, Jr** (95) passed away 11/12/22. He worked at INL and his 40-year career in industry was heavily in Quality Assurance Management, Quality Engineering and Reliability Engineering.

**Raymond N. Henken** (95) passed away 11/13/22. He worked at INL as a Shift Supervisor at ETR and as a Document Controller at ETR & ATR.

**Randall Lee King** (72) passed away 11/14/22.

**Kristie L. Wagner** (70) passed away 11/18/22. She worked at INL as a chemist.

**Ellis Job Hemsley** (92) passed away 11/20/22.

**Steven Kent Kutterer** (74) passed away 11/22/22. He worked at INL-CWI.

**Thomas Joel Smith** (83) passed away 11/22/22. He worked at INL as a Systems Manager.s

**Robert 'Bob' Glenn Butler** (90) passed away 11/26/22. He worked at Argonne National Lab as a security officer for 33 years.

**Gloria Carol Blanchard Valenti** (75) passed away 11/28/22.

**Robert 'Bob' Edward Korenke** (81) passed away 11/28/22. He worked at INL beginning in 1965 at the National Reactor Testing Station. He started at the Engineering Test Reactor (ETR) working on the testing and development of the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Systems for the Submarines. He also worked as a Mechanical Engineer, but ultimately became a Project Manager in Waste Management, holding a leadership role. During his 40 years of service, he was responsible for several Nuclear Energy related programs and projects for the Department of Energy. He retired in May 2005 as a Senior Project Manager responsible for the INL NE/DOE HQ Project for Advanced Gas Reactor Particle Fuel Development.

## **December 2022**

**Megan Daryl Allen** (71) passed away 12/3/22. She worked at INL as an analyst for 35 years.

**Linda Baxter** (75) passed away 12/4/22.

**Julie Hohbach Piper** (55) passed away 12/4/22. She worked at INL as an employment attorney until 2011, then continued her attorney position for Hanford contractors in the Tri-Cities.

**John D. Young** (95) passed away 12/8/22. He worked at INL for 28 years as a Mechanical Engineer.

**Richard Dean Fowler** (83) passed away 12/8/22.

**Reginald Greenwood** (87) passed away 12/9/22.

**Francis William Cleverley** (88) passed away 12/11/22. He worked at INL beginning in the mid-1950's at the ATR and retiring as a Senior Reactor Operator in early 1990's.

**Beverly Macaulay** (84) passed away 12/11/22.

**Royce Lanier Brookshier** (91) passed away 12/12/22. He worked with various companies, working on missiles and missile silos, Gemini and Apollo space craft and finally nuclear programs with Westinghouse at INL and Hanford and lastly with Argonne National Lab, retiring in 1996.

**David Arnold Daniels** (83) passed away 12/13/22. He worked at INL as a migrant Nuclear Startup-Shutdown Specialist and retired as a consultant in EPA enforcement.

**Donald McNamara** (88) passed away 12/14/22.

**Michael Kenneth Dearden** (80) passed away 12/14/22. He worked at INL as a security officer.

**Thomas Charles Wheeler Jr** (62) passed away 12/18/22. He worked at INL as a Registered Structural Mechanical Engineer for 37 years.

**Geraldine 'Geri' White Duncan** (90) passed away 12/20/22. She worked at INL as a secretary for more than 20 years.

**Kathryn Hansen Browning** (98) passed away 12/22/22. She worked at INL-EG&G as a graphic artist.

**Don Allen Waddoups** (94) passed away 12/22/22. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer from 1958 to 1972.

**Robert Lee Nebeker** (84) passed away 12/24/22. He worked at INL as a Chemical Engineer at ICCP for 35 years.

**Joyce Marlene (Belvo) Yelton** (80) passed away 12/25/22.

**Richard Daley** (73) passed away 12/26/22.

**Marie Jephson** (91) passed away 12/26/22.

**Patricia G. Stoltenberg** (69) passed away 12/30/22. She worked with the WINCO word processing group.

**David Scott Brockway** (62) passed away 12/31/22. He worked at INL as a security guard for 15 years.

**Kenneth Leon McClaskey** (90) passed away 12/31/22. He worked at INL as a Sr Experimental Mechanic Technician.

**January 2023**

**Mark Verdoorn** (66) passed away 1/1/23. He was an active employee, he worked in Org H510.

**Reed Barrett Fanning** (73) passed away 1/3/23. He worked at INL-CWI. He retired in 2011 after 20 years of service.

**Takako Ugaki Nukaya** (88) passed away 1/7/23. She worked at INL as an administrative assistant.

**Marilynne Manguba** (70) passed away 1/8/23.

**Leland 'Lee' Frances Morrow Jr** (88) passed away 1/10/23. He worked at INL as a chemical Engineer. He worked at ICPP in Fuel Processing Operations and as a shift foreman and supervisor.

**William 'Billy' Ned Day** (58) passed away 1/11/23. He worked at INL as a carpenter and in D&D.

**Henry Brock Barkley Jr** (95) passed away 1/11/23. He worked at INL as an Electronics Engineer, He worked at Bendix as supervisor of the Space Power Section. He worked for NASA at the Plum Brook Station as Chief of the Reactor Division. He worked for Aerojet Nuclear Company, the prime contractor for the Department of Energy at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, as the Assistant General Manager for Power Reactors. He then held several positions at Babcock & Wilcox, including Manager of International Business and Director of Space and Defense Systems. He ended his career as a consultant for Ebasco, in charge of all reactor systems.

**Judy Gayle Walker** (85) passed away 1/13/23. She worked at INL as an accountant.

**John Ernest Selders** (74) passed away 1/14/23.

**Stanley Thomas Schuetz** (75) passed away 1/14/23.

**William G. Smith** passed away 1/15/23.

**Phyllis Jean 'PJ' Sayer Clark** (84) passed away 1/15/23. She worked at INL in the Legal offices as a Paralegal.

**John Bruce Reeder** (71) passed away 1/16/23. He worked at INL as a custodian for 29+ years.

**Bryce Wade Harmon** (64) passed away 1/18/23. He worked at INL as a security escort.

**Jennifer Dorothy Mitchell Buckmaster** (51) passed away 1/20/23. She worked at INL as a health physicist.

**Iris Dawn Hudson** (79) passed away 1/23/23. She worked at INL-Westinghouse as a secretary.

**Robert 'Bob' Randall Jones** (97) passed away 1/26/23. He worked at INL on various nuclear programs for 37 years. His work included reactor operator and senior criticality safety engineer. He retired in 1991.

**Karen Jo Benzon Sloan** (80) passed away 1/27/23. She worked at INL-CWI. She worked in records management.

**Grant Albano** (74) passed away 1/27/23.

**Paul Moskowitz** (73) passed away 1/29/23. He was an active employee of INL, working in org D230.

**James Jeppson** (76) passed away 1/29/23.

**Rolf Christian Strahm** (91) passed away 1/31/23.

### **February 2023**

**Gene Allen Scott** (74) passed away 2/1/23. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer.

**William John Denson, Sr.** (89) passed away 2/2/23. John was named President of Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company in 1993 and became Director of the INEEL when Lockheed Martin won the consolidated INEEL contract in October 1994. He provided strategic direction, leadership and management for all INEEL programs, activities and employees until he retired in 2002.

**Gary David Spaulding** (87) passed away 2/5/23. He retired from Argonne National Lab.

**Dennis Kay Olsen** (65) passed away 2/5/23. He worked at the Naval Reactor Facility as an engineer.

**Charles Welker Briggs** (82) passed away 2/8/23. He worked at INL for 20 years as a computer systems analyst. He served as the IREA Program chairman for several years and was an active member at the time of his passing.

**Joyce Elizabeth (Obrey) Williams** (90) passed away 2/8/23.

**Audrian 'Erky' Erkenbrack** (95) passed away 2/10/23.

**Norman J. Porter** (92) passed away 2/11/23.

**Blake Thomas Burt** (65) passed away 2/11/23.

**Joe Lee Anderson** (76) passed away 2/12/23.

**John Marvin Fisher** (91) passed away 2/15/23. He worked at the Naval Reactor Facility for 35 years as an electrical engineer.

**Ronald 'Nick' J. Wade** (79) passed away 2/15/23. He worked for many years at Westinghouse, EG&G & INEL in Nuclear Waste Management.

**Jerome 'Jerry' Grenz** (80) passed away 2/16/23.

**Donald Carl Borrowman** (88) passed away 2/16/23. He worked at INL as an electrician.

**Donald Clyde Bird** (85) passed away 2/21/23.

**LeRoy Carl Meyer** (92) passed away 2/24/23. He started his Electrical Engineering career with EG&G as lead engineer and manager of various scientific programs including radiation effects on electronics, environmental programs, and the effect of aging electrical equipment at nuclear power plants. In 1977 he transferred to INEL where he supervised the nuclear power reactor fuel research program and studied the rods from Three Mile Island. He also taught electrical and computer engineering courses at the Idaho Falls campus for the University of Idaho. He retired in 1995 but continued to teach. LeRoy served in many capacities for IREA. Most recently he had served as membership chairman and was an active member at the time of his passing.

**Lynn Whiting** (80) passed away 2/25/23.

**Roland Floyd Maharry** (82) passed away 2/28/23. He worked for Argonne National Lab for 42 years.

**Roy E. Wagoner** (101) passed away 2/28/23.

**Jerald F. Cloward** (64) passed away 2/28/23.

### March

**Terry H. Tucker** (75) passed away 3/5/23.

**Richard Ford Sanders** (85) passed away 3/7/23. He worked at Westinghouse for several years.

**Charles Lynn Gibbons** (92) passed away 3/10/23.

**Greg Fennern** (61) passed away 3/11/23. He worked at INL for 23 years.

**Elmer Lyle Johnson** (92) passed away 3/13/23. He worked at INL as a Mechanical Engineer for 36 years.

**Jon Dale Wells** (80) passed away 3/13/23. He worked at INL in Nuclear Waste Management.

**Garry Mitchell Tolbert** (79) passed away 3/18/23. He worked at INL as a mechanic and truck driver.

**Victor Neil Thompson** (86) passed away 3/19/23. He worked for Phillips Petroleum at the National Reactor Testing Station for a year, then at Argonne National Laboratory as an electrical engineer for 25+ years.

**Jonathan Daniel Crosier** (76) passed away 3/22/23. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer.



**Alan 'AJ' Harold Johnson** (70) passed away 3/23/23. He worked at INL as a Senior Lineman for 42 years.

**Arlene Guidinger Drake** (85) passed away 3/24/23. She worked at INL as an Administrative Specialist.

**Jack Berggren** (87) passed away 3/28/23. He worked at INL-ENICO & WINCO in their Finance & Administration and Contracts department until his retirement.

**Santiago Cisneros, Jr.** (81) passed away 3/30/23. He worked at INL as an electrical engineer for over 20 years.

## **April**

**Tordis 'Tordie' Combs** (93) passed away 4/2/23. She worked at the Naval Reactor Facility as an industrial nurse.

**Albert LeRoy Pendlebury** (80) passed away 4/2/23.

**Terence Denis Keating** (59) passed away 4/7/23. He worked at INL as a Civil Engineer.

**Barbara F. Garcia** (69) passed away 4/9/23. She worked at INL for nearly 40 years in accounts payable.

**Jerry Wayne Jackson** (60) passed away 4/12/23. He worked at INL as a mechanical and design engineer.

**Gerald 'Jerry' Sehlike** (66) passed away 4/12/23. He worked at INL and NRF for 25+ years.

**Ruth Marie Andersen Rogers** (75) passed away 4/12/23. She worked at INL in Human Resources for 38 years.

**Loren A. Webb** (93) passed away 4/14/23. He worked at INL as a Communications Manager beginning in 1955 and retired in 1986.

**Norman Smith Graham** (99) passed away 4/18/23.

**Lawrence Larsen** (97) passed away 4/19/23. He worked at the Westinghouse nuclear facility where he worked half of his career. He worked at the Argonne National Laboratory as a mechanical engineer for the last part of his career.

**Kenneth Somers Moor** (81) passed away 4/19/23. He worked at INL as a Senior Advisory Scientist, Ecological Sciences. He had a passion for environmental research that began in college and extended from UNLV to the Nevada Test Site and ended at INL.

**John B. Marlow** (87) passed away 4/20/23.

**Shirley Copeland** (88) passed away 4/21/23. She worked at the INL library and the bus dispatch office.

**Terry Lee Meikle** (70) passed away 4/22/23. He worked at Argonne National Laboratories, INEEL and continued until his retirement from Battelle Energy Alliance in 2014.

**Dennis Lynn Braswell** (79) passed away 4/23/23.

**Thomas Lew Eddy** (89) passed away 4/24/23.

**John Ronald Lee** (74) passed away 4/25/23. He worked at INL as a technical writer.

**Kenneth H. Tuck** (73) passed away 4/26/23. He worked at INL as a pipefitter and retired as a manager.

**James Edward Francfort** (66) passed away 4/27/23.

**Richard "Dick" Boyer** (81) passed away 4/27/23. He worked at INL and then moved to Carlsbad, NM to become the first Radiation Safety Manager at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). He retired as a National Radiological Assistance Team Leader.

**David Wayne Krekel** (75) passed away 4/29/23. He worked for Argonne National Lab as a Senior Executive Manager.

## **May**

**James Robert Wixson** (75) passed away 5/1/23.

**Preston Wayne Walden** (84) passed away 5/1/23. He worked at INL as an engineer and trainer.

**Zola Elaine Elizabeth Jorgensen** (93) passed away 5/8/23. She worked at Westinghouse Electric Corp. as a secretary.

**Phylus LaRaye Hedelius Barrett** (84) passed away 5/10/23.

**Michael Leon Taylor** (79) passed away 5/12/23. He worked at INL from 1977-2006.

**Gerald 'Jerry' Lynn Neitzel** (69) passed away 5/14/23. He worked at INL as a warehouse specialist.

**Thomas Brake** (71) passed away 5/16/23.

**Mahendra Kanaiyalal Parikh** (77) passed away 5/18/23.

**Donald Scott** (86) passed away 5/20/23. He worked at INL as a Master Technician.

**David Leon Rowsell** (61) passed away 5/20/23. He worked at INL at ATR and MFC where he spent most of his 32-year career. He retired as the ATR Plant and Project Engineering Division Director.

**Ella Lee Ellis** (83) passed away 5/21/23. In 1976 Ella went to work at Argonne National Laboratory-West, and then in 1987 she moved to the Chemical Processing Plant (CCP) where

she worked in document control and security. She retired from Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear Company in 1995. Ella was an active IREA member and provided many lovely acrylic paintings for our silent auctions are IREA banquets.

**Bruce Arnold Wheeler** (96) passed away 5/23/23.

**Shirley Moore** (88) passed away 5/26/23.

**Valerie Lee Putman** (68) passed away 5/26/23. She worked at INL as a Mechanical Engineer for EG&G (Physics Org.) in the late 1970's and early '80s, then transferred to ICPP and worked for ENICO and WINCO in the Criticality Safety Section in the 1980s and 1990s.

**William Kevin Van Orden** (62) passed away 5/29/23. He worked at INL as a security guard, firefighter and EMT. He retired as a captain.

## June

**Frank Edward Dingman** (83) passed away 6/1/23. He worked and retired from INL-EG&G in micrographics.

**Lynn Mangum** (90) passed away 6/2/23. He worked at INL as a process operator for 39 years.

**Robert Martin Horgos** (91) passed away 6/4/23.

**Frank Clayton Holmes** (81) passed away 6/9/23. He worked at the Department of Energy in 1991, in the New Production Reactor Program, and later the Office of Environmental Management. He then transferred to Idaho Operations office in 1997 where he completed 46 years of government service, retiring in 2005. He returned to INL in 2006 as a consultant to assist in the life extension of the Lab's Advanced Test Reactor (ATR). After years he retired again to enjoy the quiet life in Idaho Falls.

**Dale Orin Batt** (65) passed away 6/14/23. He worked at INL for 38 years software development and Cybersecurity where he managed Information Technology and Cybersecurity organizations. He also taught Information Technology classes at night school at the Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC) and College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) for 34 years.

**Garth Rafael Thomas** (85) passed away 6/15/23. He worked and retired from INL-EG&G as a quality inspector.

**Nan-Pin Chien** (76) passed away 6/15/23.

**William Alonzo Jones** (90) passed away 6/16/23. He worked at the Naval Reactor Facility (NRF) for over 35 years.

**Julie L. Lytle** (79) passed away 6/17/23. She began her career at Argonne National Laboratory as a secretary, then worked her way up to a Senior Business/Operations Specialist with EG&G Idaho, Inc. in their legal department.

**Carol Mobley** (76) passed away 6/18/23.

**Carlan Kay Mullen** (76) passed away 6/19/23. He worked at INL as a project engineer helping solve problems associated with Nuclear Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management.

**Donald Kudera** (89) passed away 6/20/23. He worked at INL as a Chemist at the Rocky Flats Plant before transferring to the INL. He worked in the transuranic waste program and was involved with characterizing past waste disposals.

**Mark Don Argyle** (66) passed away 6/21/23. He worked at INL-IEC, as a chemical engineer.

**Kurt Frank Smith** (60) passed away 6/21/23. He worked at INL as a Decontamination Technician with INTEC and his "get things done" attitude brought him up through the company for 30+ years. He then worked with the J.C. Hall Company managing large Perlite insulation projects. Kurt adventured off to Mississippi for some deep-sea fishing and work with Industrial Construction Inc. (ICI) on contracts with his life-long friend upgrading space shuttle stands. Finally, he returned to where it all started out at the INL as a Technical Representative Subcontractor with Navarro Research and Engineering working with the Idaho Environmental Coalition where he demonstrated his profound knowledge and leadership skills on a daily basis.

**Kody T. Staker** (46) passed away 6/22/23. He worked at INL-CWI in drafting.

**Jay Taylor** (75) passed away 6/22/23.

**Terri Lee (Garn) Helesen** (69) passed away 6/23/23. She worked at INL as an executive assistant.

**Barbara Fay (Driscoll) Ellis** (86) passed away 6/25/23. She worked at INL-AEC as a secretary.

**Jimmy Ray Mason** (82) passed away 6/29/23. In 1985 he went to work for Argonne National Lab as the Director of Security, retiring in 2001.

**Jean L. Rytting** (84) passed away 6/30/23. She worked at INL as a secretary and office manager for many years and retired in 1993.

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