

Cleanup Progress at the INL under the 1995 Settlement Agreement

The Department of Energy (DOE) is responsible for meeting a number of requirements to clean up and remove radioactive waste at the INL. DOE has met several of its 1995 Settlement Agreement cleanup obligations, including sending thousands of shipments of transuranic waste out of the state. The following tables, shown by waste type, illustrate current and cumulative status of remaining key 1995 Settlement Agreement cleanup obligations at the INL

Spent Nuclear Fuel

Activity	CY-2021 Status	CY-2022 Status	Cumulative Status	Settlement Agreement Requirement
Navy spent nuclear fuel shipments to INL	1.1 metric tons heavy metal	0.4 metric tons heavy metal	27.8 metric tons heavy metal	Shipments of naval spent fuel to INEL through 2035 shall not exceed 55 metric tons of spent fuel. (Section D.1.b)
DOE spent nuclear fuel shipments to INL	0.0 metric tons heavy metal	0.0 metric tons heavy metal	27.7 metric tons heavy metal	After December 31, 2000, DOE may transport shipments of spent fuel to INEL constituting a total of no more than 55 metric tons of DOE spent fuel. (Section D.2.c)
Commercial power spent nuclear fuel shipments to INL	0.0 kilograms heavy metal	0.0 kilograms heavy metal	0.0 kilograms heavy metal	As further limitation, not more than 400 kilograms total heavy metal content of Commercial Power SNF may be received in any calendar year. (Section 3.(b) of 2011 MOA)
DOE spent nuclear fuel moved from wet storage facilities to dry storage	0.6 metric tons heavy metal	0.7 metric tons heavy metal	119.3 metric tons heavy metal	DOE shall complete the transfer of all spent fuel from wet storage facilities at INEL by December 31, 2023. (Section E.8)

High-Level Waste

Activity	CY-2021 Status	CY-2022 Status	Cumulative Status	Settlement Agreement Requirement
Treat liquid sodium-bearing waste to a solid form	No waste was treated	No waste was treated	Approximately 900,000 gallons of waste remain to be treated	DOE shall complete calcination [now steam reforming] of sodium-bearing liquid high-level wastes by December 31, 2012. (Section E.5)
Treat high-level waste so that it is ready for disposal out of Idaho	No high-level waste was treated	No high-level waste was treated	No high-level waste has been treated. DOE has chosen to treat high-level waste through a hot isostatic press process under a 2009 Record of Decision. DOE may also use this treatment process for the liquid sodium-bearing waste once it is solidified, if applicable.	DOE shall treat all high-level waste currently at INEL so that it is ready to be moved out of Idaho for disposal by a target date of 2035. (Section C.3). DOE shall accelerate efforts to evaluate alternatives for the treatment of calcined waste so as to put it into a form suitable for transport to a permanent repository or interim storage facility outside of Idaho. (Section E.6).

Transuranic Waste

Activity	CY-2021 Status	CY-2022 Status	Cumulative Status	Settlement Agreement Requirement
Transuranic waste shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, New Mexico	Total = 490 cubic meters Remote handled = 0 cubic meters Contact handled = 490 cubic meters	Total = 668 cubic meters Remote handled = 0 cubic meters Contact handled = 668 cubic meters	Total = 46,760 cubic meters Remote handled = 124 cubic meters Contact handled = 46,635 cubic meters	DOE shall ship all transuranic waste now located at the INEL, currently estimated at 65,000 cubic meters in volume to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) or other such facility designated by DOE, by a target date of December 31, 2015, and in no event later than December 31, 2018. (Section B.1)
Targeted buried waste shipped out of the state of Idaho	84 cubic meters	8 cubic meters	6,419 cubic meters	Compliance with the obligation set forth in Section V.A shall be measured as 7,485 cubic meters packaged for shipment out of Idaho. (Section V.A.1 of 2008 Implementation Agreement)
Acres exhumed	0.27 acres	0.00 acres	5.69 acres	Retrieve all targeted waste from those areas of the SDA [subsurface disposal area] identified in Appendix E ... [5.69 acres]. (Section V.B.2 of 2008 Implementation Agreement)

Note: INL and INEL refer to the Idaho National Laboratory.