ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

CH2M HILL cleans up in Idaho, thanks to our reputation

The reputation the firm built through our work at U.S. Department of Energy sites has helped us get our foot in the door for one of our newest environmental restoration projects, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

"Our reputation for outstanding environmental clean-up work as well as our strong teaming relationship with Bechtel (the site's operating contractor) helped us gain the opportunity to work on this project," said Amy Lientz, manager of the Idaho Falls office and CH2M HILL client service manager for INEEL.

Established in 1949 as the National Reactor Testing Station, INEEL was once the site of the world's largest concentration of nuclear reactors.

The ATR test reactor produces radioisotopes for medical, industrial, environmental, agricultural and research applications at INEEL.



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Spread across an 890-square-mile area of eastern Idaho, the laboratory also is a national environmental preserve.

For a half-century, INEEL has managed a variety of radioactive and hazardous wastes on and off site while conducting nuclear research and operations. Still operating as a research laboratory today, the facility faces the challenge of managing new wastes, which are now required to be treated and disposed of as they are generated.

CH2M HILL is performing a feasibility study for the WAG 7 Subsurface Disposal Area. This 96-acre waste area contains pits and trenches full of mixed radioactive waste, and sits 500 feet above the largest sole-source aquifer in the United States. Given these factors, the study for cleaning it up is likely to be one of the most complex feasibility studies ever conducted in the Northwest.

Additionally, CH2M HILL construction and consulting groups have begun to design and construct INEEL's Idaho CERCLA Landfill Facility. This \$10 million, 40-acre landfill cell will be the final resting place for mixed wastes removed from various INEEL locations. Scheduled to open in April 2003, this facility will consolidate contaminated soils and debris in order to significantly reduce contamination threats to the Snake River Plain Aquifer and help protect public health.

CH2M HILL's nominee wins regional Small Business Subcontractor of the Year

Thanks to CH2M HILL's nomination, North Wind Environmental, Inc., a small, woman-owned business formed in 1997, has won the Small Business Subcontractor of the Year award for the U.S. Small Business Association's Region 10.

"CH2M HILL understands the hurdles and obstacles small, disadvantaged businesses endure to survive, and recognition and acknowledgment of their successes opens doors to opportunities. Our way of acknowledging North Wind's achievements is by nominating them for Small Business Subcontractor of the Year," said Willie Franklin, CH2M HILL's Small Business Liaison Officer, from Denver.

CH2M HILL has worked with North Wind at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and at Fort Wainwright, Alaska and has been impressed with the difference they have made.

"The caliber of professionals at North Wind is superb. They are Continued on Page 5