

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-01

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR ENERGY (LINE) COMMISSION

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, the men and women of Idaho National Laboratory (INL) have played a leading role in carrying out President Eisenhower's vision of producing peaceful power from atomic energy; and

WHEREAS, the researchers working at INL brought historic and scientific distinction to the state as the place where a usable amount of electricity was first generated from nuclear energy in 1951, and where a total of 52 pioneering nuclear reactors were designed and built; and

WHEREAS, leadership and vision over the past 60 years, including negotiation of binding agreements between the State of Idaho and INL, have guided successful cleanup efforts of legacy waste at the site, helped transition INL into the nation's lead laboratory for research, development and deployment of nuclear technologies and solidified Idaho's position as one of only eight states to host a multi-program national laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has established a Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future (BRC) to provide advice, evaluate alternatives, and make recommendations for a new plan to address existing fuel cycle technologies and research and development (R&D) programs, many of which are or can be conducted by INL; and

WHEREAS, today's Idaho National Laboratory performs critical work aimed at solving our state's and nation's most pressing energy, security and environmental challenges and actively involves all three of Idaho's universities in carrying out its mission; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho and its citizens have a special interest in seeing INL succeed owing to the scientific, educational and economic benefits it brings to its host state; and

WHEREAS, recent evaluations by Idaho's Commerce and Labor departments have identified a robust and expansive nuclear industries sector in the state ?anchored by INL ?that consists of more than 20 firms that employ thousands of Idahoans, contribute millions of dollars to Idaho's general fund and help realize our state's Project 60 goals; and

WHEREAS, strong leadership is necessary today to ensure the continued vitality of INL and Idaho's growing nuclear industries sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby create the Leadership in Nuclear Energy (LINE) Commission.

- 1. The LINE Commission will make recommendations to the Governor on policies and actions of the State of Idaho to support and enhance the long-term viability and mission relevance of Idaho National Laboratory.*
- 2. The LINE Commission will also:*
 - a. Identify opportunities to ensure the unique research capabilities of INL continue to play an important role in our economic growth and the nation's energy security;*
 - b. Review Idaho's efforts to provide a nuclear workforce development program and make recommendations for improvement;*

- c. *Identify any possible long-term issues relating to operations at INL;*
 - d. *Identify additional opportunities and investments that can be made in the Center for Advanced Energy Studies in furtherance of the mission of INL;*
 - e. *Identify infrastructure needs (roads, rail, transmission, information technology) at INL;*
 - f. *Review the final report of the Blue Ribbon Commission and identify appropriate roles and opportunities for the enhancement of research and development at the INL, while adhering to the long-standing position of the State of Idaho under the 1995 Settlement Agreement that the state will not be a repository for spent nuclear fuel or high-level waste; and*
 - g. *Evaluate policy options for strengthening the broader nuclear industries sector in Idaho.*
 3. *The duties of the Commission are solely advisory in nature.*
 4. *The members of the LINE Commission shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members will include, but are not limited to:*
 - a. *The Administrator of the Office of Energy Resources (OER) or his designee;*
 - b. *The Director of the Department of Commerce (DOC) or his designee;*
 - c. *The Director of the Department of Labor or his designee;*
 - d. *The presidents of the universities of the state or their designee(s);*
 - e. *A member of the Idaho House of Representatives;*
 - f. *A member of the Idaho Senate;*
 - g. *A mayor;*
 - h. *A county commissioner;*
 - i. *A representative of the current R&D contractor at INL;*
 - j. *A representative from a private-sector nuclear industries company; and*
 - k. *A member of the public.*
 5. *The Governor will appoint the chair or co-chairs of the LINE Commission.*
 6. *The Commission will be staffed by the Office of the Governor.*
 7. *The Commission may request consultation, information and technical expertise from Directors or their designees of state agencies regarding environmental requirements, state natural resources, transportation, emergency response and law enforcement issues, including but not limited to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), the Idaho Department of Transportation (IDT),*

the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) and the Idaho State Police (ISP).

8. *The Commission may request comments, information and technical expertise from the American Indian Tribes of Idaho and federal agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Navy.*
9. *The LINE Commission will provide its recommendations to the Governor no later than January 1, 2013.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-second.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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