



Your INL Update — Week of August 23, 2010

This is Nicole Stricker with your INL Update.

Many kids are heading back to school without the supplies they need to succeed in the classroom. That's why Idaho National Laboratory employees organized their largest school supply drive in three years. They collected an estimated \$5,000 in monetary donations and school supplies. Two local non-profits will distribute the supplies to families in need.

You can now experience the sights and sounds of INL's scientific glass blowing facility. For the past decade, Russ Lewis has been designing and building much of the glassware INL researchers use in their unique experiments. Learn more in a new feature story and podcast on INL's home page.

Where do baby oil, miniature quartz building models and national security come together? At INL's Matched Index of Refraction, or MIR, facility. By studying how oil flows around the quartz, researchers can check the accuracy of computer codes that predict the movement of airborne chemical or biological agents through urban environments. You can learn more in a new feature and narrated slideshow on INL's home page.

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