



## **Your INL Update — Week of Oct. 11, 2010**

This is Misty Benjamin with your INL Update.

Idaho National Laboratory has received a 2010 GreenGov Presidential Award. INL won the Lean, Clean and Green Award for its work over the past few years to modernize the lab's fleet of buses and vehicles. The efforts have improved fuel efficiency, increased alternative fuel use and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

INL researchers have uncovered a more economic way to use bacteria to produce plastic. The wood-plastic composite created from the bacteria is resistant to rotting and cracking, yet biodegradable. You can learn more about this organic plastic in the features section of INL's home page.

INL Scientist Robert Fox has been nominated for R&D Magazine's Scientist of the Year and the magazine is asking you to weigh in. You can log on to R&D Magazine's website to cast your vote for Scientist of the Year, but voting ends Thursday. The Scientist of the Year will be profiled in the magazine's November/December issue.

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