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A high-level monthly briefing on operations and activities at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory
Work at the lab advances the Department's strategic priorities of energy security,
nuclear security, scientific discovery and environmental responsibility.

■ Lab Dramatically Trims Fuel Use

INL Facilities and Site Services officials are reporting a 20.2 percent reduction in the amount of fuel used to power the lab's bus and light vehicle fleet through the first nine months of this fiscal year, compared to fuel consumption figures for the same period four years ago. The reduction is being attributed to four tactics – increasing the use of alternate fuel products such as biodiesel and E85, modernizing the fleet, improving mass transit routes and reducing unnecessary vehicle use. Figures show 167,000 fewer gallons of fuel were used from October 2008 through June 2009, which resulted in a cost savings of more than \$300,000.

■ DOE Deputy Secretary, U.S. Senators Review INL Capabilities

The Department of Energy's second-in-command and three U.S. senators toured INL earlier this month to learn more about the lab's energy technology and security research portfolios. Deputy Secretary Daniel Poneman, who reports directly to Energy Secretary Steven Chu, requested a tour of INL as part of travels throughout the West. And U.S. Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio toured INL with Idaho's two U.S. senators, Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, and several members of Risch's staff. Idaho's U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson was on hand to participate in a breakfast meeting with Poneman. Throughout the day, both groups received briefings about INL energy research, national and homeland security projects, and educational outreach efforts. Laboratory Director John Grossenbacher, who hosted parts of both tours, said the visits showed that "INL is at the center of the national effort to bring advanced, environmentally sensitive energy technologies to the American consumer."

■ Small Business Outreach Effort Gains National Recognition

The U.S. DOE recently recognized INL's Dana Storms as the 2008 Small Business Program Manager of the Year for her commitment to partnering the lab with small businesses. As INL's Small Business Program manager, Storms developed a strategy that strives to educate the small business community about the programs and projects at INL. She contributed to nearly \$300 million in total awards and \$155 million issued to small businesses this year. "Dana is recognized as a national leader in small business development by the Department of Energy," said Maria Mitchell, Small Business Program manager at DOE-Idaho. "Her efforts to maximize small business opportunities at the laboratory assist in the development and stabilization of our local small business community."

■ Meridian Leaders Meet with INL Researchers

Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd and Council President Charlie Rountree visited the lab Aug. 13 to get a first-hand look at the INL Research Center and meet with key scientists and engineers. Among the topics discussed were INL's bioenergy research and environmental technologies and processes related to water quality and community development. They also visited the Center's biological sciences wing to learn how the lab's multifaceted biological research is meeting industrial needs, and held discussions related to medical isotopes and the deployment and licensing of INL technologies.

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