



Tell the Department of Energy: No Means No

By Beatrice Brailsford, Nuclear Program Director



The Department of Energy has a new idea! It's looking for someone to say YES to spent nuclear fuel (SNF) by creating a new federal process. The details are sketchy still, but a notice has been published in the [Federal Register](#) and a public hearing has been scheduled in Boise.

It's safe to say that the purpose of this new process is not to limit environmental risks but to limit public relations problems. Spent nuclear fuel is one of the most radioactive substances on earth. There are 75,000 metric tons of commercial SNF in the country. The DOE is determined to consolidate it, starting in five years with a pilot interim storage site.

The Idaho National Laboratory already has more than 300 tons of SNF. In 1995, Idaho forced the federal government

into a legal settlement banning additional commercial spent fuel from coming here. Voters overwhelmingly approved the 1995 agreement as a shield against becoming a nuclear waste dump.

As part of this new process, DOE must acknowledge that Idaho has already said No! Our state is still under consideration to accept more nuclear waste. So get ready to say NO, again! It is important that you and other Idahoans testify to the DOE – in person or online – and explain that we still do not consent and why.

July 14, 2016 – DOE Hearing on Nuke Waste Siting
Attend In Person or Online
5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Boise Centre, 850 W Front St

Learn more and register to attend here:
snakeriveralliance.org/event/idahosaysno

“Solarize the Valley” puts easy & affordable PV Solar on your roof

Alliance partnership with installers helps you cut the red tape and plug into the sun.

By Ken Miller, Clean Energy Program Director



Solarize the Valley is a first-of-its-kind campaign in southwest Idaho. From now until July 31, 2016, residential and commercial electricity customers in Ada and Canyon counties can sign up to get clean solar photovoltaic “PV” solar panels on their rooftops -- in a way that's easy and affordable.

The Alliance's campaign is modeled after those successfully launched across the nation. Our goal is to install 250kW of electric capacity by the end of the year and get you on your way toward energy independence!

We did our due diligence for you! Our solar installers have been selected by the Alliance with the help of a volunteer Technical Advisory Committee and a competitive bidding process. Our solar installers have agreed to give you an outstanding deal for solar PV installation with made-in-America materials and a ten-year warranty package.

Why is the Alliance Involved?

The Alliance is dedicated to cleaning up Idaho's electricity by slashing greenhouse gas emissions from power plants like coal generators that are responsible for most of our climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions. We do this by fighting to eliminate our utilities' use of the out-of-state coal-burning power plants that provide up to half our state's electricity supply, but also by replacing that dirty energy with clean energy efficiency and renewable energy like solar power. We designed Solarize the Valley specifically for southwest Idaho and to help you reduce the carbon footprint from your electricity use. Our team of trusted solar installers will help you decide what's best for you.

See page 3 of this newsletter for Solarize the Valley workshop times or go directly to Solarizethevalley.org to sign up.

Meet Our Directors

Six incumbent directors not up for reelection this year: **Tim Andreae, Sidra Beckett, Kerry Cooke, Dave Monsees, Vicki Watson** and **Chad Worth**. Please offer a warm welcome to the three new directors that have been appointed to the board since the last annual membership meeting:

Sidra Beckett | Boise Sidra is a mother of four, a licensed clinical professional counselor, and enjoys all of the recreation Idaho has to offer. Becoming a mother has only increased Sidra's desire to unite the Alliance's mission with our communities' youth potential and increase education and awareness of what the organization fights for. Her appointment to the board expires May, 2017.

Dave Monsees | Boise Dave has a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Chicago and had a full career with the National Institutes of Health. He moved to Boise for the mountains and big sky where he has become a passionate environmental and social activist, Dave was appointed in April 2016 to fill a vacant seat through May, 2017.

Chad Worth | Boise Chad holds a bachelors degree in Industrial Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California. Chad is working to change the world with his expertise in solar PV technology, data management, energy storage, energy standards and building codes. He was appointed in 2015 to serve a term ending in May, 2017.

Nominating Committee Report -- Terms from June 2016 to May 2018

Directors are elected by the membership or by the board. The board nominating committee has recommended re-election of five incumbents and the addition of two new members. Six incumbents are not up for reelection so there will be 13 directors in total.

Rick Beckett | Boise Rick was born in raised on the North Shore of Boston. He is an avid skier, fly fisherman, river guide and down river rafter, and has spent 14 years as a Special Educator at Boise High School. He views alternative energy sources, including solar, and the reduction of nuclear power as key to the future for his students and his children.

Steve Crowley | Boise Steve grew up in Adelaide, South Australia (the driest state on the driest continent on earth) and as a result he's been very aware of both beer and the environment for most of his life. Steve moved to Idaho in the fall of 2006 to work at Boise State University.

Jasmine Furnish | Ketchum Jasmine is a health professional exploring theory, practice and community. She holds a Master of Public Health from UC Berkeley's Division of Infectious Diseases & Vaccinology. Her current adventures involve raising two small humans. An Idaho native, Jasmine loves mountains, deserts and rivers. She has served on the board for one term.

Linda Leeuwrik | Pocatello Linda is a cultural and intellectual historian, with bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees from Virginia Tech, Georgia State University, and Bryn Mawr College. She is involved in water protection and local foods initiatives. Linda is a writer, an editor and is running for Bannock County Commissioner in 2016.

Brent Marchbanks | Boise Brent is a founding member of the Alliance. He is the former director of Disability Rights of Idaho. He has concerns about nuclear power and nuclear weapons. He has served two terms on the board since 2012.

Liz Paul | Boise Liz has a BA in Environmental Studies from the University of California. She coordinated successful Alliance campaigns to stop the Special Isotope Separator and nuclear weapons production in Idaho. Liz worked as a senior staff member for Idaho Rivers United for many years and is now in private consulting.

Liz Woodruff | Boise Liz served as the Alliance's executive director from 2011 to 2014. She received a BA from Whitman College and an MA from Rutgers University. She currently works in health care, education and fiscal policy. Liz was appointed to a new position on the board in 2015.

Thanks to Retiring Board Members!

Molly Kukachka | Boise Molly became a director in 2014 and served as board secretary. She provided impressive leadership to build the organization, gain supporters (both young and old) and make our phone-banks happen! She is now graduating from BSU with a Masters in Social Work and is looking for new horizons. Thanks, Molly!

Beth Jacob | Boise Beth was elected in 2013 and served for the last two years as our board President. She worked her way up and steered the organization through both rough seas and periods of growth. Luckily, we hope to keep her special talents in the Alliance as a less-frequent but important volunteer for the Alliance. Thank you, Beth!

Lou Landry | Garden City Lou has been on the board since 2009. He has served as President and Treasurer with much strength and deep courage. He has also been our unofficial poet-in-residence. His role in the Alliance is like the beginning of Marge Piercy's poem he shared with us: "The people I love the best jump into work head first". Thank you, Lou!

Board Ballot

Name(s) of Alliance member _____

Date _____

Vote for as many candidates as you wish:

- Rick Beckett
- Steve Crowley
- Jasmine Furnish
- Linda Leeuwrik
- Brent Marchbanks
- Liz Paul
- Liz Woodruff
- _____ Write In

We love volunteers. Please let us know if you are a member of the Alliance and would like to be considered to join the board of directors. We will contact you.

Return your ballot by June 30 in the envelope enclosed or mail to:
 Snake River Alliance
 P.O. Box 1731
 Boise, Idaho 83701



Let's Solarize the Valley!

Do you want to learn more about how you can go solar? Come to one of our workshops to get your questions answered!



- **Kickoff Workshop and Party, May 12th** 6:30 pm at NEON (North End Organic Nursery) at 3777 W Chinden Blvd, Garden City, ID 83714
- **Caldwell Workshop, May 25th** 6:30 pm at the Caldwell Library 1010 Dearborn St, Caldwell, ID 83605
- **Eagle Workshop, June 8th** 6:30 pm at Hilton Garden Inn, 145 E Riverside Drive, Eagle, ID 83616
- **Meridian Workshop, June 22nd** 6:30 pm at the Boise Co-op at the Village, 2350 N Eagle Rd, Meridian, ID 83646

Already know you want it? Just go to Solarizethevalley.org to sign up for your free solar assessment.

Sign up before July 31 to take advantage of this great offer!

Thank you so very much to our community supporters for helping to make it happen! **Boise Co-op, North End Organic Nursery, Payette Brewing, Wheeler Homes, Sierra Club, Idaho Smart Growth, U.S Green Building Council Idaho, Hilton Garden Inn Eagle and Fresca.**



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Get Your Party Hat On!

At last, a Saturday night with no need to cook for the family!

You are invited to attend the Snake River Alliance's Spring Community Dinner.



Saturday, May 21st, from 6pm to 8pm.
At the Old Timers Shelter in Ann Morrison Park, Boise –
rain or shine!

Mexican Taco Bar Dinner (both veggie and carnivorous)
Beer and wine cash bar or BYOB
Bring an instrument if you want to share.

\$13 for members/ \$15 non-members
\$5 for kids under 12
Free for kids under 3

Come meet our new Alliance board members, random supporters and progressive vagabonds. Find out about our new program “Solarize the Valley” and how we can help keep nuclear waste out of Idaho.