



## CONSENT-BASED SITING PUBLIC MEETING

Boise, Idaho  
July 14, 2016

### Speakers and Panelists

#### **Beatrice Brailsford, Nuclear Program Director, Snake River Alliance**



Beatrice Brailsford is on the staff of the Snake River Alliance, Idaho's grassroots nuclear watchdog and clean energy advocate. In the early 1990s, she helped lead the grassroots Stop the Shipments campaign, which increased opposition to nuclear waste importation across the state and helped support the State of Idaho's legal challenge to the shipments. The result was

the 1995 Settlement Agreement, which gave Idaho a strong shield against commercial spent fuel coming to the state. She has served on state and federal environmental advisory committees and currently serves on the board of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability and the nuclear waste council of the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC. She lives in Pocatello.

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#### **Andrew Griffith, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies**



Andrew Griffith was selected as the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies for the Office of Nuclear Energy in July 2014. As the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fuel Cycle Technologies, Mr. Griffith leads the research and development activities supporting sustainable fuel cycle options for the United States. These technologies include advanced fuels, separations and waste forms, used nuclear fuel storage, transportation, and disposal, and fuel cycle safeguards and security within the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy.

Since 1990, Mr. Griffith has served in various leadership positions supporting the improvement of nuclear waste management operations and experimental capabilities in both the Office of Nuclear Energy and the DOE Office of Environmental Management. During his time with DOE, he has focused on advanced fuel cycle research, nuclear material stabilization, and used nuclear fuel and high-level waste management.

Before joining DOE, Mr. Griffith served in the U.S. nuclear submarine force and continued serving in the Naval Reserve after joining DOE. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a Captain in 2009.

Mr. Griffith holds a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Science in Technology Management from the University of Maryland University College.

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#### **John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy**



John Kotek currently serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Office is responsible for conducting research on current and future nuclear energy systems, maintaining the government's nuclear energy research infrastructure, establishing a path forward for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive nuclear waste management program, and a host of other national priorities.

Prior to his appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, John was the Managing Partner of the Boise office of Gallatin Public Affairs, a public affairs and strategic communications consulting company. John advised energy, natural resources and other clients facing complex communication and government relations challenges.

From 2010-2012, John served as Staff Director to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which recommended a new strategy for managing nuclear waste in the United States. John led the development of the Commission's final report to the Secretary of Energy, engaged in regular communications with Congressional and White House staff, and served as media spokesperson.

From 2003-2006, John was Deputy Manager of DOE's Idaho Operations Office. In that role he was responsible for development and management of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) contract and interface with the INL cleanup effort. Before joining DOE in July 2003, John worked for Argonne National Laboratory as the Generation IV and Nuclear-Hydrogen Programs Manager. He directed Argonne's participation in the Generation IV technology roadmapping project, an international effort focused on evaluating and developing the next-generation of nuclear energy systems. In 2002, John was the American Nuclear Society's Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Fellow. John served in the Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

John started his career with DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. He held several positions during his nine years with DOE-NE, including Associate Director for Technology, Associate Director for Management and Administration, and Chief of Staff.

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

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#### **David Leroy, Trial Lawyer, Former Nuclear Waste Negotiator**



David Leroy is a trial lawyer with four decades of experience in preventing and solving problems for his clients. He has served as Ada County Prosecuting Attorney and Idaho Attorney General, and was also Lt. Governor of Idaho and United States Nuclear Waste Negotiator. Currently he specializes in felony criminal defense cases, but also works in and has years of experience trying cases involving

government, family and business law. His clientele has varied from juveniles charged with minor infractions to the State of Idaho in litigation against Oregon and Washington. From the Magistrate Court in Idaho Falls, the District Court in Sandpoint, to the United States Supreme Court in Washington D.C., Dave Leroy has earned a reputation as an able and effective advocate who wins cases for his clients.

From (1990-1993) David served as the United States Nuclear Waste Negotiator. He was a Presidential appointee and Senate confirmed federal official of Undersecretary rank and as such accepted the challenge to create and then administer a new independent federal agency with the responsibility of designing a voluntary program, in interaction with the nation's 50 state Governors and 565 federally recognized Indian tribes, to site temporary and permanent facilities for the storage of spent nuclear fuel utilizing extensive coordination and communication with the media, utilities, industry lobby groups, other federal agencies, national associations, Congress and the international nuclear community and its consultants.

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#### **Talia T. Martin, Tribal/DOE Program Director, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes**



A Shoshone-Bannock Tribal member and employed by the Tribes since 2011 as an Environmental Scientist regulating Tribal and Federal Hazardous Waste laws and regulations. Talia is currently the Program Director of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Tribal Department of Energy and serves as the administrator of the Agreement in Principle, between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Tribes. In her current position, she participates at the national, state, and local level representing Shoshone-Bannock Tribal interest in Nuclear Energy and environmental clean-up issues.

Academically, Talia received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, both from the University of Kansas. She also attended Haskell Indian Nations University in 2001 to 2003 where she received an Associate of Science in Natural Sciences.

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#### Gary Petersen, Vice President of TRIDEC, Federal Programs



Gary has a long history with Battelle and the Hanford site dating back to 1965. His nuclear related management experience started in 1974 with Westinghouse working on the construction, startup and operation of the Fast Flux Test Reactor; then with Washington Public Power Supply System (now Energy Northwest) during the construction, startup and operation of the Columbia Generating Station (GE-BWR); then moving back to Battelle where he was Director of Communications and Administration at Pacific Northwest National

Laboratory (PNNL) for a number of years.

His last six years with Battelle were spent working on the Dept. of State's Soviet-designed nuclear reactor safety program, spending time at Chernobyl and at other Russian nuclear reactor sites with similar designs to Chernobyl. TRIDEC took advantage of Gary's retirement from Battelle/PNNL in 2003, by hiring him to work as Vice President of Federal Programs. In this position, Gary works with PNNL, DOE and the Hanford Contractors, and with Congressional offices in D.C. on Hanford cleanup issues and federal funding for both the Lab and the Hanford Site.

Relative to 'nuclear waste' Gary was one of three private citizens (Bob Ferguson, Bill Lampson and Gary) who filed suit against President Obama and Secretary Chu on them stopping work on Yucca Mountain. This lawsuit prevailed, and the NRC and DOE were legally required to complete, and release, the safety analysis reviews of Yucca Mountain -- which proved that Yucca Mountain is safe as a deep geologic repository for nuclear waste.

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**Jen Schneider, Associate Professor in the School of Public Service, Boise State University**



Jen Schneider is Associate Professor in the School of Public Service at Boise State University, where she is also the Director of the PhD in Public Policy and Administration. She co-directs the Boise State site of the Idaho EPSCoR project, and is an affiliate faculty in the Public Policy Research Center and the College of Innovation and Design, where she works on interdisciplinary research teams.

Jen's research addresses challenges in the public communication of scientific and environmental controversies, with a particular focus on industry rhetoric and discourses of technical expertise. Recent projects include a co-authored book on the rhetoric of the American coal industry (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016); work addressing hydrofracturing and public controversy; and nuclear power, climate change, and public engagement. Another co-authored book, *The Joy of Science*, examines the work-life balance challenges facing scientists and engineers (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

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