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Work Resumes at Idaho Cleanup Project Glovebox Facilities

IDAHO FALLS, ID – Following a review of safety measures, Idaho Cleanup Project contractor Fluor Idaho has resumed work in all of its glovebox facilities at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory Site.

Work had been suspended on June 5 following a puncture-wound incident involving a Fluor Idaho employee at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP). Glovebox operations resumed in most areas on June 26 and resumed last week in the supercompactor area of the AMWTP as additional improvements were implemented.

Fluor Idaho convened a Causal Analysis Team to investigate the June 5 incident and make recommendations for improvements. As part of its ongoing investigation, Fluor Idaho identified the need to update its glovebox operating procedures to reflect potential hazards that an operator may encounter.

A glovebox is a sealed glass or Lexan enclosure that is used for radiological and hazardous waste treatment and repackaging work. Worker protection improvements include the installation of thicker Hypalon gloves within the gloveboxes and the requirement that operators wear puncture-resistant sleeves. Once the causal analysis is complete, additional safety measures may be implemented.

Fluor Idaho, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fluor Corporation with subcontractor partners CH2M, North Wind Inc., Portage, and Waste Control Specialists. Fluor Idaho manages the Idaho Cleanup Project Core contract at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory Site located 45 miles west of Idaho Falls. The 5-year, $1.4 billion project, funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, focuses on early risk reduction and protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

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