



WAI starts new contracts in Idaho and Colorado

WAI this year started two new contracts with the DOE at locations in the western part of the country.

WAI is a subcontractor to Spectra Tech on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Licensed Facilities contract, which began in April. The \$2.28 million contract supports DOE's Idaho Cleanup Project by managing Spent Nuclear Fuel storage facilities and licenses under NRC regulations.

The scope includes the management and operation of the Fort Saint Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) facility in Platteville, Colorado, and Three Mile Island 2 ISFSI in Idaho Falls, Idaho, including security. WAI manages the license for the NRC at both sites (DOE-owned and NRC-regulated), located about 600 miles apart.

As of this month, there were three full-time WAI employees working on this contract, but DOE is considering a proposal to add two analysts at each site this year, and two maintenance technicians in years 2-4.

WAI also won a DOE contract to perform independent environmental surveillance, natural resources management support and research, radioecological management support and research, and public education for the Idaho site.

As part of the Environmental Surveillance, Education, and Research (ESER) program, WAI provides ecological support on specific tasks related to ongoing and future site activities, and also conducts a public education and outreach program. **See *Sagebush story* on Page 5.**

