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### **GOVERNOR OTTER RESPONDS TO ALLEGATIONS OF FORMER GOVERNORS ABOUT THE INL**

The allegation that I am doing anything less than protecting Idaho under the terms of the 1995 Settlement Agreement is simply wrong. No Governor has shipped more waste out of the state than me.

It seems as if the former governors would be satisfied with cleaning up the INL and shutting it down. Their approach ignores the asset the INL has become to eastern Idaho, the state and nation. Clean up under the terms of the agreement, including removal of **ALL** materials by 2035, remains our first priority, but it is not our only priority. Continuing the valuable research at the Lab with its world-class facilities and people is the future and one we should all work towards.

It is clear the former governors see the Lab as a liability, while I see possibilities.

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