

New assistant Energy secretary to speak at INL

Let's hope he hears more than pleas for more research funds.

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Dennis Spurgeon, the new assistant secretary of energy, is scheduled to visit the Idaho National Laboratory this week.

Spurgeon is expected to arrive on Tuesday to tour the lab, speak with employees and discuss his goals for the Office of Nuclear Energy.

He'll likely discuss the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, which outlines a plan for expanding domestic nuclear power production and tackling problems with waste and proliferation.

The proposed \$250 million program doesn't outline where the money would be spent, but INL leaders are hopeful a chunk of the research will happen here.