

A Buyers Guide, and sharing experience

As we wrap up 2013 with this 9th Annual Buyers Guide issue of *Radwaste Solutions*, I am reminded of how the first issue came about. Sales Manager Jeff Mosses, former *RS* editor Nancy Zacha, and I were in Washington, D.C., at the 2004 ANS Winter Meeting having breakfast at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Over bacon and eggs, we hatched (pardon the pun) the idea of making the last issue of each year a buyers guide (at that time, the magazine's frequency was six times a year), based on the relevant waste management, decontamination, decommissioning, and environmental remediation categories from the *Nuclear News* Buyers Guide. The idea was to provide subscribers—mostly consisting of those who work in some area of waste management, D&D, or environmental cleanup—with a handy guide to the vendors and the products and services those vendors provide to help them do their jobs.

This idea came together very well, and the *Radwaste Solutions* Buyers Guide has been successful—both in its usefulness and in providing a venue for advertisers to present and offer their products, materials, and services—since its debut in 2005. The current issue includes nearly 500 companies listed in 165 categories, with contact information provided for each company, and will serve as a handy reference throughout the coming year. The product and

category listings begin on page 35; the directory of suppliers begins on page 83.

This Buyers Guide issue also includes a status update on the progress being made on the decommissioning project that began in 2010 at the Zion nuclear power plant in northern Illinois, on the shores of Lake Michigan. Patrick Daly, general manager of *Zion Solutions*, graciously shared an array of photographs that illustrate some of the main tasks that have been carried out during 2013 in the areas of preparation for

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fuel transfer, component segmentation, and waste removal and loading. The 10-page photo feature begins on page 18.

Stories such as the ongoing decommissioning of Zion, as well as work under way or environmental remediation that has been completed at former nuclear weapons or plant sites, are what *Radwaste Solutions* is all about. We want to hear about the challenges and the successes, the problems and their innovative solutions, the planning of projects and the execution of those plans. If your organization has a story to tell, send it along to us at editor@radwastesolutions.org so that we can consider it for publication. Sharing the experience and knowledge that are gained from carrying out such projects might help make a future, similar project that much easier.—*Betsy Tompkins, Publisher*