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Teachers are the students at INL's Physics Teacher Workshop

IDAHO FALLS – During the week of July 10, Michael Gurley from Joplin High School was one of 41 high school physics teachers from all over the country selected to participate in the National Physics Teachers Workshop, which was presented by the Idaho National Laboratory.

The goal of the Workshop is to increase the content and skill level of the teachers about concepts and beneficial applications of nuclear energy, radiation, and the path forward for addressing worldwide energy demands. Researchers from INL briefed the teachers on the basics of nuclear energy and the latest developments in the field. The highlight and a reinforcing activity of the Workshop is the tour of the Advanced Test Reactor at the INL Site. The tour is what brings the lectures, labs, and activities all together. Being in the immediate location of an operating reactor reaffirms the safety, research benefits, and advanced technology of nuclear operations.

The teachers who attended the conference also received information on what college physics professors need students to know, participated in hands-on experiments, and learned ways to integrate nuclear science into their classrooms and curriculum.

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