



MEETING MINUTES

Transportation/Waste Committee

June 4, 2009

Nevada Site Office, Sedan Conference Room
232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Members Present: Ted Oom, Chair; Robert Johnson; John McGrail; Hal Sullivan
Liaison Present: Bob Gamble
U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) Kelly Snyder, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO);
Frank DiSanza, Waste Management Federal Project Director
Facilitator: Denise Rupp, Navarro Research & Engineering, Inc.
Public Present: Reginald Stewart, State of Nevada, Department of Health and
Human Services

Ted Oom, Chair, welcomed Reginald Stewart with the State of Nevada Health and Human Services Radiological Health Section and all attendees introduced themselves to the group. Mr. Stewart expressed his department's desire to gain knowledge of public input on issues with relevance to public health. In this pursuit, Mr. Stewart will be attending public meetings such as the CAB's.

Nevada Test Site Waste Disposal

Frank DiSanza, DOE, provided an update and answered questions from the Committee regarding the State of Nevada Attorney General land use issue, transuranic waste and mixed low-level waste.

State of Nevada Attorney General Land Use Issue

- Discussions between the DOE, the State of Nevada Attorney General's office and the State of Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) have continued toward resolving the land use issue to the satisfaction of all parties.
- On April 12, 2009, the Attorney General sent a letter to the DOE acknowledging that the State of Nevada was aware that DOE is trying to resolve the existing land withdrawal issues and is pursuing a new Environmental Impact Study (EIS). As a result, the State of Nevada supported DOE submitting mixed low-level waste profiles to NDEP for approval.
- Mixed waste profile reviews began the first week of May with approved mixed waste shipments arriving at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) shortly thereafter.
- The DOE has relinquished ~740 acres of land (waste disposal sites) in Area 5 of the NTS back to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Mr. DiSanza explained the process by which the DOE would receive title to the land, thus resolving the State's concern. This action will take place over the next several months.

- Kelly Snyder will provide the Committee with copies of the recent letters between Frank Marcinowski, DOE Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory Compliance, and the State of Nevada.

Transuranic Waste

As of April 30, 2009, shipments of transuranic waste from the NTS were 99.7% complete with one standard waste box and one drum remaining. The remaining waste container issues are being addressed and the Close Out package is being prepared.

Mixed Low-Level Waste

Pit 3 is scheduled for closure December 10, 2010. However, there will be a continued need for mixed low-level waste disposal. Money has been allocated to explore writing a Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B application for a new cell. Mr. DiSanza explained the application process and plans to submit an application to the State of Nevada within the next year..

Ms. Snyder advised the Committee the RCRA process required a public meeting and it had been suggested this be held in conjunction with a CAB meeting, as most members would want to attend both. The Committee suggested the RCRA public meeting be held immediately before or after the CAB meeting as opposed to during a CAB meeting.

Transportation Study

Mr. Oom expressed concern regarding the objective of the recent Transportation Study prepared by Sandia National Laboratories. Mr. Oom would like to see route comparisons done to determine which route has the lowest radiological impact with that route being used for waste transportation.

Robert Johnson commented the Transportation Study results showed the probability of radiological impact was exceedingly low on all routes with negligible risk. Therefore, an additional study comparing the routes was not needed. Discussion of the Committee continued citing additional risks of alternate routes including road conditions, length of time on the road, etc. John McGrail suggested the shortest route appeared to be the best.

After discussion, Mr. Oom confirmed the existing transportation routes for radioactive waste to the Nevada Test Site were no longer a concern for the Committee.

Denise Rupp will contact the Committee members after June 23 to determine the date for the next Transportation/Waste Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.