



## MEETING MINUTES

### Transportation/Waste Committee

**November 25, 2008, Atomic Testing Museum**

755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Members Present:** Ted Oom, Chair; Dave Hermann, Robert Johnson, Bill Lindsey, John McGrail

**Liaisons Present:** Bob Gamble

**U.S. Department of Energy:** Kelly Snyder, DDFO

**Technical Advisor:** Jennifer Ward, Graduate Student, UNLV

**Facilitator:** Rosemary Rehfeldt, Navarro Research & Engineering, Inc.

The Committee's meeting agenda and objectives were to:

- Discuss and revise the CAB's recommendation letter pertaining to the State of Nevada Attorney General's letter to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) dated August 12, 2008, regarding DOE's proposed unauthorized land uses at the Nevada Test Site (NTS).
- Set the next meeting date, time and location

The committee discussed issues surrounding the above-stated recommendation letter and many questions were raised pertaining to this issue. The main points of the discussion were:

- The CAB is unsure of the State of Nevada's motive for the letter/request.
- Does this issue fall within the CAB's purview for making recommendations to DOE? The committee and the DDFO agreed that the request to stop existing waste streams from going to the NTS for disposal is within the CAB's purview.
- What is the State alleging are unauthorized uses of the NTS by the DOE? This statement is vague.
- The CAB is uncertain what "specific unauthorized uses" means.
- The letter specifies "proposed" uses. What does that mean? Is this referring to Greater Than Class C (GTCC) waste?
- The CAB stands by its prior recommendation regarding the NTS Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The CAB's position is that a new EIS for the NTS is not necessary.

Kelly Snyder reminded the committee that legal representatives from all entities involved are looking into the NTS land withdrawal issue and a meeting date is being negotiated between the State of Nevada and DOE to review and discuss the items stated in the Attorney General's letter. Ms. Snyder also informed the committee that Christine Gelles, Director of the Office of Disposal Operations at DOE EM Headquarters is willing to hold a conference call meeting with the NTS CAB to offer information and answer questions pertaining to this issue. The committee decided to set up a conference call with Ms. Gelles. Arrangements will be made for a conference call meeting in December 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.