



MEETING MINUTES

Underground Test Area (UGTA) Committee

2:00 p.m. April 20, 2010

Nevada Support Facility
232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, NV

Members Present: Bob Gamble (Nye County), Phil Klevorick (Clark County), Genne Nelson (NPS), Jim Weeks (CAB Member)

Members Absent: Bob Gatliff, Hal Sullivan

Public Present: Chris Andres (State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP))

U.S. Dept. of Energy: Kelly Snyder, Rob Boehlecke, Bill Wilborn

Staff: Helen Neill (UNLV), Denise Rupp (Navarro Research & Engineering, Inc.),

In the absence of the Committee Chair, Bob Gatliff, Jim Weeks led the meeting. The topic of discussion was the revised Underground Test Area (UGTA) strategy and understanding the differences relative to the original.

Dr. Helen Neill provided a comparison of the original and revised strategies relative to major components. Bill Wilborn provided clarification to questions regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act and radionuclides, and the evolving nature of the strategy.

Jim Weeks commented the new strategy is a better document providing more information and definite improvements. Genne Nelson believes the new strategy explained the process more logically and was less ambiguous. Robert Gamble suggested Nye County be more involved in the process.

Those in attendance agreed it would be helpful to review the actual Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order documents when comparing the strategies. Denise Rupp will forward a copy of the main document and Appendix VI dealing with UGTA to the Committee. The Committee will be asked to provide suggestions for strategy enhancement, questions and/or support for the document. These comments should be submitted, by email, to the CAB office by May 21. They will then be compiled and forwarded to Mr. Wilborn and the Committee for discussion at the next UGTA Committee meeting.

The DOE would like feedback on the new strategy, including support or non-support, as well as opportunities for improvement. This recommendation is requested by September 30, 2010.

Ms. Snyder also announced DOE will host a Groundwater open house on April 21 in Beatty, NV.

The next Committee meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. June 15, 2010 at the Nevada Support Facility.