



Meeting: Full Board Meeting

Date: January 10, 2007

CAB Members Present: David Hermann, Chair; Walter Wegst, Ph.D., Vice Chair; Paul Adras, Bill Aldrich, Bob Gatliff, Marian Lawrence, Vernell McNeal, Ted Oom, Warren Pawliuk, Kathleen Peterson, Charles Phillips, Jack Ramsey, Ph.D., David Rosin, M.D., Jan Spinato, Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen, Stacy Standley, James Weeks

CAB Members Participating via Teleconference: Robert Johnson

CAB Members Not Present: Steven Hopkins, Genne Nelson, Harold Sullivan

Liaisons Present: Tiffany Lantow, Defense Reduction Threat Agency; Tim Murphy, NDEP

Liaisons Not Present: Steve Mellington, David Ek, David Swanson

UNLV Technical Support: Dr. Helen Neill

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

Facilitator: Carla Sanda, Consensus by Design

Administrative Support Staff: Cheryl Duncan-Olague, Stoller-Navarro Joint Venture

Public: Chris Andres, NDEP

Agenda

- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment
- Committee Reports
- Other Business
 - FFACO Public Involvement Plan
 - Meeting Report: Intergovernmental Meeting
 - SSAB National Meeting
 - DOE News
 - Thank You: Kathleen Peterson and Marian Lawrence
- Notification for Closed in Place Corrective Actions
 - CAU 145 Waste Disposal Sites (CADD)

Approval of Agenda

A CAB member moved and seconded the motion to approve the Agenda with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comments were given.

Transportation/Waste Committee

Ted Oom provided a brief overview of recent briefings provided to the Committee (Transuranic Waste in the Trenches, Transportation of Low-Level Radioactive Waste, Soils Sub-Project Update). The Transportation/Waste Committee is nearing completion of its review of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Low-Level Waste Disposition Strategy document and will provide formal comments.

Environmental Management Public Information Review Effort (EMPIRE) Committee

Both Jan Spinato and Stacey Standley advised the CAB that the committee has reviewed and commented on eight fact sheets. They are working on prioritizing all of the facts sheets; reviewing contents to ensure that information is consistent; and will prioritize for future production and distribution.

Underground Test Area (UGTA) Committee

Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen stated that Dr. Helen Neill is editing and finalizing the comprehensive well recommendation report. Upon completion of the final draft, the committee will meet with Dr. Neill for review and completion.

Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen will provide recommendations to support staff related to the annual UGTA Kick-Off.

Budget Committee

Jackson Ramsey, Committee Chair, provided a brief overview of the Budget Committee's annual approach to the budget review, prioritization, and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy-Nevada Site Office. Kelly Snyder stated that the CAB should have its recommendations to the FY 2009 budget finalized and submitted by mid-April. Support staff will work with the Federal Sub-Project Directors to schedule full-day briefings with the Budget Committee in mid-February.

Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFACO) Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

An electronic copy of the PIP was previously distributed to the CAB for their review, with the request that comments be provided at this meeting. Kelly Snyder, Carla Sanda, and Tim Murphy provided background information related to the PIP, including its initial development and ongoing objectives. Ms. Snyder further explained that the document is really in place to ensure that the public is provided opportunities for information-sharing and involvement in issues related to the FFACO. Numerous comments were discussed and provided to Ms. Snyder. Dr. David Rosen moved to approve the comments. CAB members approved the motion, with the action that the comments would be provided in a formal recommendation letter to DOE.

CAB members also requested that Kelly Snyder provide a recap of any future inquiries or interaction with the public to ensure that the CAB has a better perspective of community concerns, interest, and requests. Ms. Snyder agreed to include this as part of the ongoing EM program updates.

Approval of November 8, 2006 meeting minutes

Jan Spinato requested that beginning time of the March 14, 2007, EMPIRE Committee meeting be corrected, the time should state 3:30 – 5p.m. instead of 4-5p.m. Walt Wegst moved that the minutes be approved with the noted correction.

Meeting Report: Intergovernmental Meeting

Dave Hermann attended the Intergovernmental Meeting held in Alexandria, VA. Numerous discussions focused on environmental management topics, including a briefing provided by James Rispoli, Assistant Secretary of Energy – EM; an update on the National Low-Level Waste Disposition Strategy; and a tutorial on EM's performance-based project management activities. Mr. Hermann noted that although the Yucca Mountain project is not within the CAB's purview, he found discussions related to water rights and future drilling for underground to be of interest simply due to the UGTA Committee's groundwater focus.

Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) National Chairs Meeting

The SSAB National Chairs Meeting will be held March 28 – 30, 2007 at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas. A Steering Committee conference call is scheduled next week to finalize the agenda and confirm logistics.

FY 2007 EM Budget

Kelly Snyder spoke to the committee regarding the status of the FY 2007 budget. At this time the EM program is operating under a Congressional continuing resolution until February 15, 2007. The budget roll-out for FY 2008 is expected in mid-February.

Thank you: Kathleen Peterson and Marian Lawrence

David Hermann offered his appreciation to both Kathleen Peterson and Marian Lawrence for their years of service on the CAB, as this is their last official CAB meeting as members. Kelly Snyder thanked both ladies on behalf of the DOE for their years of dedication, support and many hours of effort that they put in to the CAB. Carla Sanda also expressed appreciation to Kathleen for accomplishments on the UGTA committee, and to Marian for the positive voice she has provided for the Nevada's stakeholders.

January Notification of Close in Place Corrective Action Units

CAB members were invited to read and comment on the upcoming Close in Place Corrective Action Documents for CAU 538 – Spill Sites (CADD), expected to be available for review and comment at the CAB office on February 27, 2007

Action Items

- Schedule meeting in early February with the Federal Managers
- Provide budget input to DOE by mid-April
- Include public queries/activities on monthly DOE updates
- Request that the Mobile Decontamination Trailer be brought from Sunrise Hospital for the SSAB meeting. In the event that it cannot be brought to the Suncoast, can the CAB go there for a tour?
- Draft CAB's recommendation letter to the PIP for DOE
- UGTA Committee provide comments to staff for UGTA kick off letter
- On January 24, 2007, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board is having a meeting at the Atrium Suites Hotel, 4255 S. Paradise, Las Vegas, from 8 am - 6 pm. This meeting is open to the public.