



MEETING MINUTES

Underground Test Area (UGTA) Committee

August 20, 2008, Atomic Testing Museum

755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada

Members Present: Bob Gatliff, Chair; Jim Weeks, Vice Chair; John McGrail, Robert Johnson

Liaisons Present: Bob Gamble, Nye County

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

Technical Support: Dr. Helen Neill, UNLV; Jennifer Ward, UNLV Graduate Student

Facilitator: Rosemary Rehfeldt, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc.

The Committee's meeting's agenda and objectives were to:

- Receive an update from the committee Chair on the Underground Test Area (UGTA) Technical Working Group's (TWG) Corrective Action Investigation Plan (CAIP) status for well siting on Pahute Mesa at the Nevada Test Site (NTS)
- Discuss and create the FY 2009 UGTA Committee Work Plan
- Set the next meeting date, time and location

Bob Gatliff, Committee Chair, gave his opening remarks and updated the committee on the status of the TWG's progress toward identifying well sites. He informed the committee that the CAIP TWG Chair, Gayle Pawloski with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, organized the input information obtained from the meeting attendees on the basis of preference for:

- Well location and drilling order
- Data analysis activities, which are:
 - Geology
 - Geophysics
 - Hydrology
 - Transport parameters
 - Source term
 - Flow modeling
 - Transport modeling
- Need, Topic, and Ranking by drill hole number. These hole numbers and approximate locations are shown on a map of the area of interest on Pahute Mesa at the Nevada Test Site (NTS).

The well voted top priority by the CAIP TWG is the general location that has been recommended by the CAB. The final report of the CAIP TWG was submitted to DOE in

August 2008, and is currently being reviewed by the State of Nevada. The report is expected to be available for public release in December 2008.

The committee asked if it would be possible for the CAB to review the CAIP report before general public release. Kelly Snyder said that she would look into this. The committee approved that a recommendation letter be drafted for this request.

The committee reviewed their FY 2008 UGTA Committee Work Plan and discussed their ideas for the FY 2009 Work Plan. The following items were approved by the committee to draft their FY 2009 Work Plan:

- Review and provide comments to DOE on the TWG's CAIP report for the UGTA Pahute Mesa drilling program
 - Request early release of the CAIP well siting report
 - Review the CAIP report in a committee meeting
 - Submit a synopsis and comments on the CAIP report to the Board
- Report back to the rural communities on the status of the CAIP report for DOE's UGTA Pahute Mesa drilling program
 - Schedule rural public meetings
 - Provide copies of the CAIP report at the public meetings
- Visit the NTS well site in Spring 2009
- Review new UGTA reports and provide comments if appropriate
- Participate in the FY 2009 UGTA Kickoff meeting
- Work on other EM-related activities as needed

The committee decided to set the next meeting date, time and location after the FY 2009 UGTA Kickoff takes place.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.