



MEETING MINUTES

Outreach / Environmental Management Public Information
Review Effort (EMPIRE) Committee

March 10, 2009

Atomic Testing Museum, Frank Rogers Auditorium
755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Members Present: Hal Sullivan (Chair), Walt Wegst (Chair),
Kathy Bienenstein, Herb Spiegel, Helen Neill (UNLV)

Members Not Present: Vernell McNeal, Stacy Standley,
Jennifer Ward (UNLV)

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

Facilitator: Denise Rupp, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc.

The Committee's meeting agenda and objectives included:

- 1) Updates and/or revisions to the Environmental Management (EM) website
- 2) Expansion ideas for Operation Clean Desert (OCD)
- 3) Committee consolidation

Walt Wegst led the Committee through the EM website making corrections and discussing suggestions for revisions. Denise Rupp will prepare a recommendation letter outlining the suggested changes for presentation at the May 6, 2009 Full Board meeting.

Hal Sullivan suggested the development of supplements to OCD and outlined the components required to meet Nevada Standards for lesson plans. The Committee discussed topics including:

- lesson plans and state standards
- target grade levels
- subject matter
- relevance to EM
- incorporation of existing material
- hands-on experiments/models
 - to bring abstract concepts to life
 - permeability/percolation
 - radiation half-life

The Committee agreed to the following:

- target audience will be grades 3-5
- experiment/model will be related to OCD subject matter
- lesson plan may be developed relative to the selected experiment/model

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Each Committee member will review OCD and related material and develop an experiment/model for consideration at the next meeting. Proposals should include a description of the experiment/model as well as a sketch for illustration. Sketches may be sent to Ms. Rupp prior to the meeting so they may be formatted for projection viewing at the meeting.

Upon Full Board approval of the recommendation letter regarding the EM website, the EMPIRE Committee will be dissolved. The members of the EMPIRE Committee will transfer membership to the Outreach Committee with Hal Sullivan as Chair.

The next Outreach/EMPIRE Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. May 19, 2009 with the location to be determined. Agenda topics will include OCD experiment/model selection, CAB newsletters and CAB and/or Nevada Test Site information dissemination by Internet interaction.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.