



## MEETING MINUTES

### Outreach Committee

September 30, 2009

Sedan Conference Room, Nevada Site Office  
232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Members Present: Hal Sullivan (Chair), Vernell McNeal, Herb Spiegel, Walt Wegst  
Members Absent: Kathy Bienenstein  
U.S. Dept. of Energy: Cindy Lockwood, Acting DDFO  
Facilitator: Denise Rupp, Navarro Research & Engineering, Inc.

#### **FY 2009 and FY 2010 Work Plan Reconciliation**

The open items from the FY 2009 Outreach Work Plan were all items incorporated in the new CAB FY 2010 Work Plan. Lesson plan development and science projects for use in conjunction with *Operation Clean Desert* will be combined to form "*Operation Clean Desert Enhancement*."

#### **Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs Update**

Hal Sullivan updated the Committee on outreach activities of other site specific advisory boards as reported at the EM SSAB Chairs meeting in Idaho Falls September 21 -24.

- Hanford developed a public Science and Technology Workshop with local Department of Energy (DOE) and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Idaho National Laboratory produced a revised and improved annual report to be used for community outreach and education activities throughout the state of Idaho
- Oak Ridge set new record for giving outreach presentations to media, civic groups, schools, and elected officials (22 events); a new record for news releases (15); and instituted new program to provide local newspapers with guest editorials on a quarterly basis

Denise Rupp provided further EM SSAB information regarding outreach.

- Northern New Mexico is experiencing difficulty in generating interest from the local schools regarding outreach; they requested copies of our Operation Clean Desert program to assist them in their efforts
- Savannah River had questioned Oak Ridge's outreach efforts as they appeared to be DOE's responsibility
- Cate Brennan had advised the EM SSAB the issue of outreach was to be discussed at the Federal Coordinators meeting to be held after the EM SSAB Chairs meeting and there would be more information forthcoming (Kelly Snyder was unable to attend this meeting, however, will report the results to the CAB as soon as they are received)

#### **Student Representatives**

Mr. Sullivan contacted the Oak Ridge CAB Chair to discuss effective outreach. Oak Ridge has a Student Representative program in place where two high school students participate in CAB committees and attend Full Board meetings. Mr. Sullivan believes this would be a beneficial program for the CAB. While it may not be feasible to engage rural students due to the distance to meetings, Las Vegas valley students may have an interest. These students could have a CAB mentor to guide them and perhaps provide transportation. Mr. Sullivan will pursue his discussion with Oak Ridge and bring

more details regarding to the program to the next meeting. This is not a task currently on the CAB's FY 2010 Work Plan. After further review, the Committee will decide if this program should be submitted to the Full Board with a request to have it added to the FY 2010 Work Plan.

### **CAB Member Involvement in Outreach**

The Committee once again discussed active CAB member participation in EM outreach activities. Mr. Sullivan and Herb Spiegel expressed frustration in not being allowed to assist the DOE by providing educational outreach on behalf of EM. Mr. Sullivan requested written guidance from the EM SSAB regarding outreach, as well as information on how such guidance is determined.

### **CAB Outreach**

Vernell McNeal inquired as to the CAB's outreach relative to local civic organizations. Other than the CAB Road Show presentation given at the Pahrump Full Board meeting in May 2009, there have been no other local outreach presentations in recent years. Such presentations to civic and government organizations are definitely within the scope of the Outreach Committee

Mr. McNeal also questioned whether local Indian tribes are aware of the CAB. Walt Wegst updated the Committee on past tribal involvement in the CAB and efforts made toward membership recruitment as well as the vacant tribal liaison position. Mr. McNeal suggested renewed contact with the tribes in an effort to renew interest in the CAB and volunteered to make contact. Ms. Rupp will inquire regarding DOE policy and advise Mr. McNeal.

### **Task Review** (see attached Task Status)

#### *Operation Clean Desert* Enhancement

- no activity or discussion

#### Creation of CAB Display

- Kathy Bienenstein is working on this project

#### CAB-sponsored Science Fair

- The science teacher at the Beatty Schools has contacted the CAB and is interested in pursuing the possibility of a science fair for the 2009-2010 school year
- Funding is a major issue as there is no budget and the majority of students are low income
- Science projects would run approximately \$200 per team of four students
- A poster contest would be more viable, but would also require funding
- The DOE cannot provide any funding
- Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Spiegel will research funding options, local organizers and their funding methods and outside prize sponsorship for discussion at the next Committee meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Atomic Testing Museum. Subsequent meetings for the remainder of FY 2010 will be held on the second Wednesday of even months, time and place to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.