

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: All CAB

Date: August 21, 2007 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: Seth Beal Fred Sica
Bill Flanery, Co-chair Doug Weir
John Bolliger Bruce Wendle
Willie Preacher

DOE-ID: Mark Arenaz Mark Shaw
Jim Cooper Jerry Wells
Alan Jines Mary Willcox
Bill Leake

Liaisons: Daryl Koch

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Comment on Notice of Intent for Greater-Than-Class C
- After action report on the Engineering Test Reactor (Nov.)
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant presentation
- Remote-handled waste building
- Update on written incident report for the phosphorous accidents (Rick's status)
- Waste Area Group (WAG) 7 closure plan
- Operable Unit 10-04 work plan
- Operable Unit 10-08 remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) groundwater monitoring plan
- Operable Unit 1-07 B
- V9 tank
- Top three issues for Paducah chairs meeting

Notice of Intent for Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The GTCC EIS website has been launched and can be accessed at <http://www.gtcceis.anl.gov/>.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the **scope of the EIS**. Throughout the scoping process, all interested agencies (Federal, state, county, and local), public interest groups, Native American tribes, businesses, and members of the public have the opportunity to advise DOE in determining the **issues and alternatives** to be considered for analysis in the EIS. Comments will be accepted at public scoping meetings, by mail, and electronically through a [public comment form](http://www.gtcceis.anl.gov/) on the <http://www.gtcceis.anl.gov/> website.

Written comments on the scope of the GTCC EIS should be submitted by September 21, 2007 to: Mr. James. L. Joyce, GTCC EIS Document Manager, Office of Regulatory Compliance (EM-10), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119, or via Fax: 301-903-4303, or via the website [comment form](http://www.gtcceis.anl.gov/). Please mark envelopes and e-mails as “GTCC EIS Comments.”

The public scoping meeting to be held in Idaho Falls is scheduled for August 30, 2007. An informational poster session will be held from 6-7 p.m., with the official meeting beginning at 7 p.m. The location for the scoping meeting is the Red Lion Hotel on the Falls, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, ID.

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Willie Preacher commented about the five alternatives he is aware of from information received from Christine Gelles (DOE-HQ). There are eight other sites being considered. Under the NEPA policy, if it is a reasonable site, it is included in the study. Whether or not the waste will be kept at any location permanently, is yet to be addressed.

Willie Preacher said he will likely be in attendance and can report back to the board with the information he acquires at the meeting. Other CAB members are also encouraged to attend if they can. An additional committee call will be scheduled after the public meeting to determine the CAB's next steps.

After Action Report on the Engineering Test Reactor (Nov.)

Jim Cooper said that this topic is still on schedule for the November meeting.

Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Presentation

Bob Pence is checking to see if schedules are open and can accommodate our September meeting. He will report back to the CAB on the August 28th Executive Committee Call.

Remote-Handled Waste Building

Alan Jines said that this would be a good time to brief the CAB on the current status of this project at the September meeting. This topic was brought up by Fred Sica who noticed timelines that need to be met with a building that is supposed to be built that currently has no visible funding. Jines said that the original plan was for Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA) to build a facility at Materials and Fuels Complex (MFC). Instead, funding is now lined-up for CWI to support design of a restructure at Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC).

Update on Written Incident Report for the Phosphorous Accident

John Bolliger commented that the final report sounded very contradictory. Jim Cooper commented that he understood why it could be perceived that way. He said this document is an explanation of the proactive measures taken rather than consequentive actions (as perceived). He explained that these are cautionary measures that prepare for these types of events, and this was to explain how that process was followed. The CAB members commented that this explanation would have been better for a publicly released document, so that this conclusion would be viewed more favorably. Cooper suggested having Ron Gill come back for a conclusion discussion.

WAG 7 Closure Plan

DOE submitted the draft OU 7-13/14 proposed plan to the agencies on August 7, 2007 for formal review and comment. The comment period is 30 days but may be extended if the agencies agree. The proposed plan contains a DOE recommended preferred alternative. After resolution of agency comments the document will be made available for public comments. DOE anticipates holding public meetings on the proposed plan in early November 2007, which would be the best time for CAB involvement as well. The CAB agreed to postpone this topic until November.

Operable Unit 10-04 Work Plan, Operable Unit 10-08 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), Operable Unit 1-07B, V9 Tank

OU 10-04 work plan includes the cleanup of unexploded ordinance, etc. Mark Shaw commented that this is a good time for update (a recommendation would not be needed). The OU 10-08 RI/FS is currently being prepared. Mark Shaw said he would provide an update on the model and strategy. The OU 1-07B is the Test Area North groundwater project. Rick usually updates the CAB on this every meeting. Daryl Koch commented that one well was heading towards the lower limit and suggested this be explained as well. Mark Shaw said that the V9 tank is currently being treated. He will provide an update at the meeting. He hopes to be able to report that it has been completed and buried at the ICDF.

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Top Three Issues for Paducah Chairs Meeting

After discussion of several options, the CAB decided that the top three issues are the same as presented at the March chairs meeting.

Actions

- Add to agenda
 - Remote-handled waste building project update (Alan Jines)
 - Red phosphorous fire conclusion (Ron Gill)
 - OU 10-04, 10-08, 1-07B, and V9 Tank update (Mark Shaw)
 - Discussion of GTCC CAB recommendation
- Follow up with Bob Pence on WIPP presentation.
- Schedule a committee call for 1st week of September for GTCC recommendation discussion.
- Postpone for November meeting: ETR after action report, WAG 7 closure plan.

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