

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



INL Site Environmental Management
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Committee: Group
Date: September 23, 2008 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: John Bolliger Nicki Karst
Dick Buxton R.D. Maynard
Harry Gerstlauer Willie Preacher
Christine Herres Bruce Wendle

DOE-ID: Bob Pence
Nicole Hernandez

State: Daryl Koch

Others: Lori Cahn
Howard Forsythe
Scott Reno
Lee Tuott
Frank Webber

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Operable Unit 10-08 Proposed Plan

The public comment period will end on October 15th. The committee discussed whether or not an additional presentation was needed. Several felt it would be good to have another presentation at the October meeting to assist the decision-making process for a recommendation. Nicole Hernandez will plan on presenting and will include discussion of the following question and answer session for the rest of the CAB members.

Question and Answer Discussion

Harry Gerstlauer thinks that doing this right up front and getting it out of the way is the right direction to go. Cost may be high up front, but would save money over the long-term.

Chris Herres is concerned about the pipe made of clay (TRA-62, Abandoned Discharge Line), which will absorb and leech contaminants of concern (mercury). She would like to see it removed from the “no action” to the “no further action—with institutional controls,” for personal safety if construction were to be performed in the future. Hernandez said it was gravity drained and flushed; there is no evidence of leaking. Cahn said it is not a good assumption to assume that mercury went down this pipeline. The pond had other sources which the mercury could have come down.

Willie Preacher asked what commingling means. DOE said commingle refers to any mixing of contaminant plumes from two or more Waste Area Groups that exceed one-tenth the Idaho groundwater quality standard.

R.D. Maynard asked about the CFA-54 clay pipe (on page 8 of the proposed plan). He wondered if the contamination started at 4 or 5 ft and how far they need to excavate it. DOE said the pipe is 400 ft long and they took samples at 6 and 10 ft. It only showed localized contamination when sampled.

R.D. Maynard asked if we are doing the treatment before disposal on Alternative 3. DOE said no it will be off-site treatment and disposal.

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Chris Herres praised the agencies for addressing all of these areas of concern in one document.

Action

CAB members are to email concerns for development of the agenda (and response by DOE in the presentation).

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