

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



INL Site Environmental Management
C I T I Z E N S A D V I S O R Y B O A R D

Committee: Group
Date: November, 19, 2008 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: John Bolliger Nicki Karst
Dick Buxton R.D. Maynard
Fred Sica Bruce Wendle

State: Susan Burke

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich
Ceri Chapple

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Letter to the Transition Team

The committee discussed the letter to the new administration’s Transition Team from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Environmental Management (EM) Citizen’s Advisory Board (CAB). The letter is intended to be an introductory letter that will hopefully promote a good working relationship between the INL CAB and the new administration.

Question and Answer Discussion

Bruce Wendle had three issues he wanted to address: 1) Mr. Wendle thought they should remove “with your support” from the last sentence of the first paragraph. Mr. Wendle had an issue with the organization of the second sentence of the first paragraph. He felt it was confusing. He also thought that the letter should be addressed to someone specific, possibly Valerie Jarrett, Chairperson of the Transition Program. 2) Mr. Wendle wondered if they may need to comment on the repositories, possibly the modification of WIPP or a second repository (Yucca Mountain) 3) Finally, Mr. Wendle mentioned a separate recommendation may need to be written to Dr. Ines Triay, concerning Yucca Mountain and the repository situation.

R.D. Maynard interceded, explaining that a letter will be written by the Inter-Governmental Group to the Transition Team concerning Yucca Mountain. He mentioned that maybe later the CAB could write a letter or recommendation concerning Yucca Mountain, but that the CAB’s main concern is presently site funding. Mr. Maynard continued, addressing the issue that calcine is only acceptable at Yucca Mountain through the vitrification process and that this may pose a problem for the INL’s calcine waste disposal.

Fred Sica made the point that the political philosophy of the new administration is to “leave waste in place”, meaning dispose treat it where it is currently held. Mr. Sica suggested approval and the signing of the letter by the CAB chair R.D. Maynard.

Action

R.D. will discuss with DOE the timing for the Secretary appointment to decide if the letter should be transmitted to the transition team now or wait until the appointment.

Support Staff will revise the letter per this discussion and wait for final direction from the chair.

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