

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: Clean/Close RWMC

Date: February 6, 2006 – 1:30 p.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: David Kipping, Chair
Larry Knight
R.D. Maynard

DOE-ID: Shannon Brennan
Mary Willcox

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Receive periodic status reports on the Pit 4 and Pit 6 excavations and operations at the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP)
- 6,000 cubic meter project status on shipments and milestone achievements, lessons learned, and path forward.
- Public involvement plan for buried waste (possible recommendation)
- Additional retrievals from Subsurface Disposal Area (SDA). Review of engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) or other planning documents in preparation of a possible recommendation.
- Disposition of waste that does not meet waste acceptance criteria and cannot be shipped to WIPP (possible recommendation).

Pit 4 and 6, AMWTP, and 6,000 Cubic Meter Project Status

The Board would like Rick Provencher (DDFO, DOE-ID) to include these topics in his status at the March Meeting:

- Status of Pit 4 excavation.
- Status of Pit 4/6 excavation project (Accelerated Retrieval Project [ARP]-II)
- Status of operations at the AMWTP.
- Status of the 6,000 meter project including milestone achievements.

The Board also asks that Provencher include information on AMWTP contract status and any drum fire updates.

The CAB may want to hear lessons learned, etc. once the 6,000 cubic meter project is complete.

Additional Retrievals from SDA

At this time, the ARP-II action memo is postponed due to the drum fire and there are no known preliminary documents available. Postpone for discussion until the May meeting, if the information is available at that time. Question whether there will be an EE/CA or record of decision (ROD). EPA has expressed preference for the ROD and the Board may want to consider a possible recommendation from that.

Public Involvement Plan

A rough raw data document (from Lisa Aldrich) and a summary and process document (by Lori Isenberg) detail the information gathered in the breakout session at the January meeting. Jeff Perry (DOE-ID) asked for this raw data and the summary was informally transmitted to him. The committee would like to follow-up on this exercise and produce a Recommendation based on the process document. Kipping stated that the process document is quite good, but does not include priority information that was included in the raw data document. Kipping will complete the merge of the two documents including priority information and a few minor edits. This version will be distributed to the committee as a resource at the 28 February conference call. Kipping will work with Aldrich to produce a draft recommendation (based on the revised process document) for consideration by the committee. Kipping suggested that this RWMC Recommendation might serve as a template for stakeholder public involvement in other areas of cleanup, such as reactor demolition.

Plan on at least an hour for adoption of consensus recommendation.

Disposition of Waste

Two issues of interest are (1) waste not eligible to go to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) because it is under the 100 nCi/gram of alpha-emitting radionuclides with a half-life greater than 20 years and an atomic number greater than 92 or (2) needs treatment first. What is the plan for the waste that needs treatment?

Maynard commented about how orphan waste was planned for incineration, which is no longer the option. Range of waste in question is about 300-3,000 cubic meters. PCB contaminated waste creates a bigger problem because it has a tendency to transfer through soils. WIPP accepts some PCB waste, but there is a permit limit. Is this a volume or a concentration limit? Mary Willcox answered a concentration limit, unsure of the limit.

Mary Willcox will include this in the Integrated Waste Management presentation. See the minutes of the February 6, 2006 Strategic Issues committee for other details of Willcox's presentation.

Clean/Close INTEC Committee will address waste applicable to steam reforming.

Change in Schedule

Move the upcoming committee meeting on February 23rd to February 28, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. (MT).

Actions

- Kipping to add priorities and make some adjustments to public involvement summary.
- Kipping and Aldrich to work on a first draft of the RWMC stakeholder public involvement Recommendation.
- Portage to update call schedule and distribute to the Board and DOE.
- Portage to develop and distribute minutes for the call.