

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: Clean/Close RWMC

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Participants

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Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Start Accelerated Retrieval Project (ARP-II) Retrieval Operations-9/06
- Subsurface Disposal Area (SDA) Draft Feasibility Study to State and EPA-11/06
- Update on current issues.

Start ARP-II Retrieval Operations

Project is currently on pause because of the subsidence issue. Retrieval may restart in mid-November for ARP-I and late December for ARP-II.

SDA Draft Feasibility Study to State and EPA

The feasibility study has been reviewed by DOE and DOE-HQ. The comments have been resolved and currently revising the document. This document will be transmitted to the regulators the first week of November for review. The January meeting will be a good anticipated time to discuss the proposed plan with the CAB.

Update on Current Issues and Other Information

Well IE-6 samples taken the first of September, uranium levels went down. Old lysimeter levels were down 300 Pico curies/liter from 330 Pico curies/liter, which is about a 10% reduction. Another sample was taken last week and another sample will be taken in about 2 weeks. A new lysimeter is now in place.

DOE met on October 12th with the State and EPA about the LLW active disposal pit. Topics of discussion included how the drainage improvement project has improved the water flow away from the SDA; how long is operations limited in the spring from moving having equipment onto the pit. Covered the technical discussion areas the state wanted to discuss.

At the September chairs meeting, the office of disposal operations from EM headquarters gave the chairs a preview copy of the waste disposition strategy. CAB will receive a copy in the mail for reference.

Action memorandum has been signed for the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for General Decommissioning Activities under the Idaho Cleanup Project.

Remote-handled permit signed at Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Concurrent activities are in progress to be ready to ship waste when WIPP is ready to receive it. DOE can provide a presentation in January to update the CAB on this topic.

Actions

- DOE will provide copies of the waste disposition strategy.