

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: End State

Date: February 8, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: Annemarie Goldstein, Committee Chair
Dick Buxton
Bill Flanery
David Kipping
Larry Knight
Willie Preacher
Fred Sica

DOE-ID: Shannon Brennan
Jim Cooper
Mark Shaw

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Review and develop a recommendation (if appropriate) addressing the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the Loss-of-Fluid Test Reactor (LOFT) distributed at the January meeting.
- Status of site-wide cleanup
 - TAN rebound
 - WAG 10 (firing range)
 - WAG 1, 2, 4, 5
- TAN-607 transition.

TAN-607

Support will be reallocated during the transition to DOE-RW. Property transfer scheduled for March 1. Remediation activities planned through the summer. Yucca will put the facility in stand-by until the start of use which is slated in 2-3 years. Staff will still be assigned to the facility during the stand-by period as required by safety documents.

EE/CA for LOFT

Willie Preacher reported that the tribes had a presentation from DOE-ID. They are concerned, but hope they do the best job possible.

General comments from this committee include:

- Comfortable with the alternative analysis
- Liked the tables and cost comparisons
- Table 7 (Chapter 6) went through using the recommended alternative, which was very helpful and important
- Concerned about what to do with waste generated
- Chapter 6.2, don't like the word "may" be accepted at TAN [generated waste]. Want to know if it will be acceptable and if it will have a place to go.

DOE-ID stated that they know the facility components and have a disposition path for the waste. A CAB member asked if they have contamination readings. DOE-ID replied that the total is .15 curies and after remediation is .018 curies. A CAB member asked how DOE tells the public what that means. The committee further commented that an analogy might help (i.e., less than what you would receive at the dentist office). In other words, give information on the curies with a comparison. Committee added that this also builds trust. DOE-ID said that they will address this in the action memo; adding a caveat on an analogy that helps identify relative risk.

Kipping commented that this may be grounds for a recommendation that would warrant an extension on the comment period. He added that this is the first of four reactors, which sets the precedence for how the process will be done. Further stated that information is needed on why the residual is acceptable, alternatives, and cost comparisons. DOE-ID asked if there is any way the recommendation could be completed before the comment period ends. Emphasized that this one only has two alternatives with the difference being the .15 curies and the .018 curies and that the project has a milestone to reach within a time limit. Shaw (DOE-ID) reported that he had no comments to date on the document. Cooper (DOE-ID) mentioned the possibility of reviewing sections at a time in the development of future EE/CAs in concert with the Agencies (with their permission on this process). Cooper also suggested that this could be a topic of a separate letter.

The committee opted to first draft a letter from the committee only addressing the topics specifically to the LOFT EE/CA. Then draft a second letter addressing thoughts on public understanding and early involvement with future EE/CAs.

TAN Rebound

This topic is from the annual work plan. CAB wants to know what is done and what is left to do. Shaw (DOE-ID) said Waste Area Groups (WAGs) 2, 4, and 5 are completely done; WAG 1 has groundwater and V-tanks; WAG 10 is the firing range which is planned for D&D in 2009. He will give a 20 minute status at the March meeting.

Actions

- Annemarie Goldstein will prepare first draft of committee letter for the LOFT EE/CA.
- Fred Sica will prepare first draft of the Board letter for public involvement on future D&D.
- Portage to add agenda items for Shaw's 20 minute presentation, 15 minute introduction for the Board letter (Tuesday), and 20 minute letter approval (Wednesday) for the March meeting.
- Portage to develop and distribute minutes for the call.