

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: Strategic Issues

Date: April 10, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. (MT)

Participants

Board Members: John Bolliger, Committee Chair
Seth Beal
Dick Buxton
Bill Flanery
Bruce Wendle

Liaison: Daryl Koch

Support Staff: Lisa Aldrich

Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- Plan groundwater tour for July
- Groundwater contamination areas
- Update on Test Area North (TAN).
- Update from DOE on current issues.
- Carry over to May agenda
 - History of Reprocessing
 - ICP contractor worker safety.

The committee discussed known problem areas for the groundwater tour (i.e., Radioactive Waste Management Complex, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center [INTEC], and Test Area North [TAN]). Daryl Koch added the WAG 2 area (formerly known as the Test Reactor Area) which has some contamination but has been more of a wait and see scenario. It was thought that the perched water area would recede over time.

In addition to groundwater contamination areas, these same areas have recently completed or in progress decontamination and decommissioning areas that could be included in the tour (i.e., TAN-607, pre-work on Engineering Test Reactor [ETR] reactor, pre-work at INTEC).

Buxton added that there are 2-3 different organizations taking samples and there hasn't been a recent update in the IE-6 Well. He is also concerned about the Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility (ICDF) liner and safeguards in place to keep contamination from leaking through.

Flanery commented that prior board discussions have included how many wells are adequate for sampling and would like to see that addressed during the tour.

Beal had two concerns he would like addressed. The first being the low-level waste storage area and the waste going into the unlined land fill. What safeguards are in place and what science is used in determining it safe to put waste in drums and then into the unlined pit. Second, he has heard of plans for doing underground explosives and would like a report on potential of underground stabilization. In addition, what is the science backing safe detonation of large explosives including the impact on contaminants through the underground. Flanery added his concern about sending tremors that could hasten the pace of contaminated perched water to the aquifer.

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The committee agreed that the tour and Rick Provencher's status should cover the need for an update of TAN.

Actions:

Lisa Aldrich will communicate these topics to Bob Pence and DOE to put together a draft agenda for the tour. An additional committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the draft agenda.

To review the details of this meeting, call 1-866-453-6660, playback code 208290.