

Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes



Committee: Strategic Issues

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Participants

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Objective(s) for the Committee Call

- “All means all” lawsuit (State vs. DOE)
- TAN-607
- EE/CA for D&D of the Engineering Test Reactor

“All means all” (State vs. DOE)

CAB would like to hear an update from Kathleen Trever. Shannon will check with Kathleen and see if this is possible.

TAN-607

DOE-RW was under the impression that it would cost \$1M to leave the facility in warm standby, when the actual costs have now accounted to \$2.4M. These costs include support services (fire protection, emergency response tem, shared cost on the power feed), boilers to heat (five operators and one foreman, fuel), surveillance and maintenance for radiological areas, maintain HVAC and HEPA systems, and needed roof repairs. There is also a lot of liability involved with cleanup (like the pin-hole leak in the basin area where contamination in the soil is known). For a much lower expense, DOE-RW can build a facility onsite (Yucca Mountain) and not have the expenses involved to transport employees for training and maintaining their cost of living. DOE-EM is pursuing DOE-NE’s Material and Fuels Complex (MFC) Remote Treatment Project to include the TAN-607 administrative building and hot shop as an alternative in their environmental assessment. DOE-EM plans to take down the high-bay area (not the pool area). The EE/CA for the high-bay area will be available around the July timeframe.

EE/CA for D&D of the Engineering Test Reactor

The preliminary document has been released to the agencies; however, DOE is still waiting for the beryllium results. DOE is expecting this document to go out for the public review period July or later.

Handling Draft Documents (EE/CAs)

DOE is uncertain whether or not the CAB is willing to accept draft documents by signing a nondisclosure agreement. Some committee members feel comfortable with previewing and commenting on draft documents, especially since it allows the CAB to be involved in the early processes. Some committee members are not comfortable with having to hold something that is in essence “secret.”

The committee would like time allotted on the May meeting agenda to discuss this and other options for reviewing these time sensitive documents. Some ideas are: finalizing comments during the committee calls within the 30-day public comment period or by discussing elements of the document without receiving the document (by presentation or committee call).

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Actions

- Lisa will check with Seth to see if he has information to share from his tour at Yucca Mountain.
- Shannon will check with Kathleen about briefing the CAB on the litigation.
- Lisa will update agenda for discussion on handling draft documents.
- Portage to develop and distribute minutes for the call.