

## **Citizens Advisory Board Committee Minutes**

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**INL Site Environmental Management**  
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**Committee:** Strategic

**Date:** December 9, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. (MT)

### **Participants**

**Board Members:** Seth Beal                      Willie Preacher  
Dick Buxton                      Bruce Wendle  
Fred Sica

**DOE:** Bob Pence  
Mark Searle

**Support Staff:** Lisa Aldrich  
Ceri Chapple

### **Objective(s) for the Committee Call**

- Funding Expectations, Letter Supporting Adequate Funding for Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Environmental Management (EM) Cleanup in following years
- Benefit of Accomplishments Letter
- Nuclear Energy (NE) Environmental Liabilities Project

### **Funding Expectations and Letter**

Fred Sica summarized his earlier conversation with Rick Provencher, explaining that the project may not get its planned annual funding, which in turn would have a negative effect on milestones causing stretched-out schedules.

Dick Buxton asked Bob Pence what he heard about the new administration's plan for funding environmental management cleanup. Pence said that he wasn't sure, but said he had an email on the transition update from Dr. Inez Triay. Fred Sica made the point that funding for cleanup revolves around issues of consistency.

The group decided to draft a letter to the new administration to convey their support for adequate funding for the INL EM Cleanup for following years in order to continue making baseline accomplishments. Mark Searle said last year's letter was positive and helpful. The board could use it as reference/example to shape the next funding expectations letter. The group will present the letter to the full board at the January meeting.

### **Benefits of Accomplishments Letter**

Willie Preacher suggested the group include the benefit of accomplishments topic in the annual report. The committee concurred. Lisa Aldrich will submit the information to Tami Sherwood, chair for the Annual Report Committee.

### **Nuclear Energy Environmental Liabilities Project**

Bob Pence explained the Remote Handled (RH) Transuranic (TRU) Waste Disposition Environmental Assessment (EA) will be released in mid-December. There will be a 30 day comment period. The CAB will receive copies of the EA upon release. After an opportunity to read it, the board will need to schedule a conference call before the comment closure. Bob Pence said he would like to conduct an in depth briefing at that time. There will be a presentation on RH TRU at the January meeting.

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**Actions**

- Support staff will mail out the Nuclear Energy Environmental Liabilities RH TRU EA to the board when it becomes available.
- Support staff will schedule a group conference call to discuss the RH TRU EA.
- The Strategic Committee will present the funding expectations letter to the CAB at the January meeting.

To review the details of this meeting, call 1-866-613-5217, pin code 3658883#