



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Nuclear Materials Committee

Meeting Summary

January 14, 2002
Hilton Oceanfront - Palmetto Dunes
Hilton Head Island, SC

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Nuclear Materials (NM) Committee met on Monday, January 14, 7:00 PM at the Hilton Oceanfront Palmetto Dunes, Hilton Head, SC. The following topics were discussed: NM Recommendations Update, Work Plan Review and Public Comment. Those in attendance were:

CAB Members

Ken Goad*
William Lawrence*
Jean Sulc*
Marty Stringer*

Stakeholders

Elizabeth L. Malone, PNL
Kim Newell, SCDHEC

DOE/Contractors

George Mishra, DOE
Lyddie Broussard, WSRC
Dawn Haygood, WSRC

* CAB members of the NM Committee

Note: Bill Willoughby and Brendolyn Jenkins are CAB members of the NM Committee, but were unable to attend this session.

Welcome and Introduction

Ken Goad, NM Committee Chair, welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. He introduced Lyddie Broussard to the committee members as the member of the WSRC Public Involvement Staff assigned to assist the NM Committee. Mr. Goad reviewed the evening's agenda and encouraged discussion on the issues.

Recommendations Update

Mr. Goad asked the committee to review Recommendations No. 108 and 139. Both recommendations are in reference to the Yucca Mountain Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and are in the "pending" status. DOE has indicated that the recommendations will be addressed as part of the final EIS. Further discussion was held about the Secretary's recent recommendation to the President to proceed with the geologic repository at Yucca Mountain and other political developments. The committee agreed to change the status of 108 and 139 to "open" and to further explore combining the two recommendations into one.

Work Plan Review

Mr. Goad stated that the NM Work Plan had been reviewed that afternoon at a work session with no recommended changes. Jean Sulc asked if the Defense Nuclear Safety Facility Board (DNSFB) has commented on DOE's plans for F-Canyon Utilization since this was an emergent issue. The committee was advised that plans are underway to have a guest speaker from the DNSFB address the Combined Committees meeting scheduled for February 2002. The Committee determined that there were no changes warranted for the work plan.

PUREX Recovery Alternatives Recommendation Draft Review

Mr. Goad introduced the PUREX Recovery Alternatives Recommendation as one that is a combined recommendation with the Waste Management (WM) Committee. He indicated the WM Committee would present this draft to the full CAB during the next day's meeting. After discussion, it was determined that no changes were warranted for the draft. Mr. Goad stated that he felt the CAB would benefit from a future presentation from SRTC on alternate methods of absorbing PUREX.

Other

A discussion of the changes in the Americium Curium (AM-CM) Program was held. Mr. Goad stated that he learned that SRTC has developed a method of shipping the material to Oak Ridge but he still has concerns about this material being classified as waste rather than a resource. Jean Sulc questioned if the timing of the transfer of AM/CM to High Level Waste Tank Farms had been determined. The committee was advised that the current status of the AM-CM program was part of the NM Stabilization Program presentation scheduled for the next day by Allen Gunter.

Public Comment

With no other public comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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