The Salt Processing Focus Group met on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 3:30 p.m. at the Aiken Federal Building, Aiken, SC. Attendance was as follows:

Mike French  Lee Poe  Chuck Powers
Ernie Chaput  Julie Petersen  Steve Piccolo
Ethan Brown  Kelly Way  Bob Hinds
Karen Patterson  Wade Waters  Rick McLeod
Jim Fay  John Reynolds  Ken Rueter

The Focus Group discussed the following areas:

**CST Non-Elutable Ion Exchange:** Ken Rueter briefed the group on the Crystalline Silicotitanate (CST) Non-Elutable Ion Exchange technical process. He outlined the advantages and disadvantages, developed the Facility Layout, explained the Ion Exchange flowsheet, summarized the project baseline schedule summary, and outlined the financial requirements for the alternative. Mr. Rueter briefly summarized the risks involved and suggested examining the risks in depth for each alternative when the group has a technical understanding of all the alternatives.

**Public Education:** The group discussed the need for educating the public on the salt alternative process and the various alternatives. Ethan would like to see an Educational Plan developed with DOE funding the effort. However, until one of the following is developed and/or finalized, a public involvement effort will have to wait: the EIS, Space Management, a Schedule, or a budget.

**Direct Disposal:** Time ran out before John Reynolds could discuss the Direct Disposal as grout alternative. John will be first on the agenda at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting/Path Forward:** The group requested a meeting in late February or early March to discuss Direct Disposal, Caustic-Side Solvent Extraction, and Small Tank Tetraphenylborate Precipitation.

Kelly Way is to canvas the group with potential times/dates and cc:Mail the group with the results.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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