



PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2011

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) met at the Environmental Information Center (EIC) in Paducah, Kentucky on Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Judy Clayton, Chair; Ralph Young, Vice-Chair; John Anderson, David Franklin, Mike Kemp, Shirley Lanier, Ben Peterson, May Louise Zumwalt

Board members absent: Robert Coleman, Jonathan Hines, Maggie Morgan, Kevin Murphy, Dianne O'Brien, Elton Priddy, Ronnie Rathman, Alex Roman, Mark Sullivan

Board Liaisons and related regulatory agency employees: Gaye Brewer, Todd Mathis, Kentucky Department of Waste Management (KDWM); Tim Kreher, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (KDFW); Gary Vander Boegh, Commonwealth Environmental Services (CES)

DOE Manager Portsmouth Paducah Project: William Murphie

DOE Deputy Designated Federal Official: Reinhard Knerr

DOE Federal Coordinator: Buz Smith

Facilitator: Judy Clayton, Citizens Advisory Board Chair

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) related employees: Larry Newman, Barbara Mazurowski, Bill Franz, Sarah Bynum Roman, Eddie Spraggs, Eddie Magness, Sam Boss, Joe Walker, Janet Miller, LATA Kentucky (LATAKy); Scott Smith, Swift & Staley (SST); Eric Roberts EHI Consultants (EHI); Ted Grossart (UK); Greg Felts; Tony Graham

Members of the Public: Evelyn Jeffords, Ricky Ladd, Mark Donham, George Johnson, Corinne Whitehead, Stephanie Brock, Nathan Garner, Jacob Van Winden

Introductions

Clayton called the meeting to order. She stated there are only eight Board members present therefore there would be no vote. However, the DDFO will still present and there is a guest presentation. **Clayton** stated there will fifteen minutes allotted for public comment and requested any members of the public wishing to speak to please sign in. **Clayton** then called for round-table introductions.

Clayton requested to review the March 17 Agenda, no changes or additions were made. The Agenda was approved as written.

Deputy Designated Federal Official Comments

Knerr introduced **Mazurowski** to present The Cleanup Vision presentation.

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Question/Comment	Answer
<p>Young: What does EPA say about the budgets cuts?</p>	<p>Ballard: It is sometimes hard to entertain an argument about cutting costs when DOE and other Federal Agencies make policy decisions that cause costs to go up. FFA has a policy that speaks to budget planning which EPA tries to follow. Has DOE requested enough money to meet its commitments? If the money has been requested and not appropriated, that is good grounds for negotiating priorities.</p> <p>Mazurowski: LATA and DOE regulators have agreed to meet the next two weeks as more information becomes available.</p>
<p>Young: Are the cuts deeper in Paducah than at other sites?</p>	<p>Mazurowski: No, all sites are impacted, as well as all Federal agencies that are making the cuts. We are watching Congress try to avert a government shutdown.</p>

Knerr presented overview of the budget process.

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<p>Young: The CERCLA cell is a major project. How does shipping off-site affect this?</p>	<p>Knerr: Not in this timeframe, from a regulatory decision making process, we would not be able to make a decision until possibly late FY 2012. At the point when making the decisions, yes, building the cell is a major project that will compete for funds. There has been discussion of possibly trading off with SWMU-4.</p>

	<p>Knerr: Things will constantly change and be re-evaluated and reassessed to be efficient and cost effective with the work being done.</p>
<p>Kemp: When OMB issues appropriations to DOE, is that site-specific amount or does headquarters get to revise what goes to each facility?</p> <p>Young: It sounds like flexibility is going away.</p> <p>Young: As the FY 2013 crunch time approaches, I feel that the impact to build a CERCLA cell to save money overrides all other factors.</p>	<p>Murphie: In most cases, it is at site-level. There are instances (DUF6) where it is at the total. When it comes to the clean up, Portsmouth and Paducah are split. We have what we call control points and have the ability to move money back and forth between the two. Going forward, however, we may not have the ability to do so. The controls points are moving lower and it is harder for management to move dollars. We can appeal to OMB up until final budget goes to Congress, after that it is locked. After it is finalized we have to do a reprogramming and it is much harder to swap funds around.</p> <p>Knerr: Yes everything is getting tighter and tighter. Even harder to switch between PBS accounts. DUF6 is probably the last project that still has flexibility, but not expected to stay that way. We will constantly be re-evaluating the funds allocations.</p> <p>Murphie: The budget we have any flexibility with right now is FY 2013, thus we encourage the CAB to move quickly to provide input as we formulate the FY 2013 budget.</p>
<p>Zumwalt: What is the deadline for CAB to make a recommendation?</p>	<p>Knerr: We are working on an April 15th date to get it to headquarters.</p>
<p>Ballard: You are not out of compliance if you have asked for the money. The difficulty is trying to move milestones in years where a budget request hasn't been made yet.</p>	<p>Murphie: FY 2013 is potentially a year for major non-compliance for DOE. Serious problems are lingering for DOE.</p>

<p>Winner: The State wants DOE to commit to milestones because that puts them at Risk. The real question is how we are going to finish ARRA work. D&D jobs versus more severe environmental damage.</p>	<p>Young: When you look at priorities nationally. Paducah’s highest priority is groundwater, which is third on the National list.</p>
<p>Winner: Are we better finishing Southern sooner? The groundwater will be contaminated for many, many years.</p>	<p>Ballard: We want to get the best bang for our buck while attacking the groundwater at the source.</p>
<p>Kreher: Lots in the news about recreation issues/uses of WKWMA. Department of Fish and Wildlife appreciates the opportunity to create new recreation/bring back suspended recreations.</p>	

Presentation

Grossart presented KRCEE Future Vision Project

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<p>O’Brien: Was this survey before the earthquake in Haiti? The Japan earthquake would affect judgments.</p>	<p>Grossart: It was done after the Haiti earthquake. We are looking at how to incorporate that into future meetings.</p>

Administrative Issues: None discussed due to not meeting quorum.

Subcommittee Chair Comments: None discussed due to not meeting quorum.

Public Comments:

Vander Boegh: Approaching sick nuclear workers and town hall meetings. If you ignore sick workers, you are not getting the public input. Most DOE workers left after pushing the nuclear buttons. Everyone in this room needs to understand the beryllium. It’s a top secretive issue at Paducah. Health Services website has lots of information on beryllium health issues and data. Future use could be a penitentiary or a research facility.

Donham: I served on this CAB for the first 8 years, as chair for six years, environmental activist, and fought to get CAB formed. This is only the second meeting I have attended since resigning. This study in my opinion is not scientific, not transparent and highly manipulative. I was invited to a meeting by Anna Hoover. I attended the meeting and there were only two of us attending myself and a PRS employee (at request of congressional delegation). Then I was stopped at the door and kept from taking the documents that were given to me during the meeting. This study does not represent the public community. This whole meeting was secretive.

Ladd: I am a former member of the CAB. The events in Japan has concerned us all, very concerned for the employees trying to control the fallout. I am requesting that the CAB write a recommendation for the PPPO to make a presentation to the CAB concerning the employee concern program, whistle blower program. And in this presentation I would like them to include how the complaints are received, how they are investigated and resolved. Give the data to show how many were dismissed and how many were actually taken under consideration.

Mazurowski: Due to the ARRA, work is going to be completed this year. What is not going to be completed is the C-340 and C-410 demolition ready, but the demolitions will not be done due to the budget. Last meeting, I spoke to you about having no future D&D contracts, we were undergoing a restructuring of our work force and we are still in that process. We are working with DOE at the site and headquarters and waiting for approval of the plan, we expect the approval very soon. With that approval, we will be issuing a Ward Act Notice to give 60 days notice if you are in jeopardy of termination at the end of the 60 days. We have been working with DOE on employee benefits, who will be in the reduction of force. PACRO will have a computer lab, job labs, workspace and help with a resumes.

Jeffords: My husband worked here and CBD and benefits are not forthcoming and it has been hard. I am 82 years old. I don't know if they are waiting for me to die or what. My husband died working at this plant, this has been proven. I do not know where the benefits are for him. I am very confused and wish they would get things done. Thank you for your time.

There being no further public comments, **Clayton** asked if there were any additional comments from the table.

Knerr: Gary brought up some questions on beryllium last meeting and again tonight. One of the things that we did was we ask LATA to take a look at the program, talk to the workforce out there. They had very good dialog with all the workers out in the field. They communicate very routinely with the types of sampling, results of the sampling and what the regulator requirements are. Barbara has confirmed with the USW Leadership that they are satisfied with the efforts of LATA and DOE going thru to insure worker protection that they are compliant with all Federal Regulations governing the handling of beryllium. We also have federal oversight staff who do oversight activities evaluating the programs that we have in place to show that we are compliant with Federal Regulations. Reviews show that LATA does have a robust program and I have also talked with the evening leadership to try to understand independently what their view is of the beryllium protection program that is in place and they

are confident that LATA is doing what they are suppose to in the accordance with Federal Regulations governing work associated with beryllium.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.