



PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Citizens Advisory Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 15, 2012

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) met at the Environmental Information Center (EIC) in Paducah, Kentucky on Monday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Board members present: : Ralph Young, Ken Wheeler, Ben Peterson, Judy Clayton, Mike Kemp (call in), Rob Seifert (call in), Buz Smith, Eddie Spraggs (call in), Eric Roberts, Jim Ethridge

1. Current news and issues

- Review of Chairs meeting - **Young* gave an overview of the SSAB EM Chairs meeting held in Washington, DC, on October 2-3. He said that Huizenga seemed to really engage each CAB. He also got the impression that Mr. Huizenga was not optimistic about extending the tails processing at PGDP past May 2013. He added that he thought that the best we might hope for would be to have a short extension of operation to achieve a cleaner shutdown and cleaner turnover. *Young* said that the one impression he got from his discussion was that Paducah needed to learn from the sites in the complex that have already gone through a shutdown. *Young* reported that the Chairs developed four recommendations for all sites to consider. They were to expand the role of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, to split DOE high-level waste from the Defense Program high-level waste, don't short the EM R&D budget activity, and to put more emphasis on recycling of materials. *Clayton* indicated her concern about shutdown of PGDP and not going through D&D at this point.

2. Work Plan Development

- **Roberts* indicated that the current version of the Work Plan (rev. 3) was available, but there wasn't much in it. The reason for that was the fact that several of the projects were in a waiting state, and the work could pick up or pause at any moment. That being the case, he suggested that the subcommittees determine what projects would need work by the committee on a month-to-month basis. In other words, focus effort on a few quality projects instead of all projects. *Roberts* also suggested holding a leadership retreat for all chairs and co-chairs of all the subcommittees. *Young* expressed his concern about the leadership of the Board being farther along in its knowledge of the committee's roles than the other members of the Board. He wants to make sure that everyone is knowledgeable about all the projects being considered. *Peterson* said that it didn't hurt continuing to update information to be sure everyone understood all issues involved with the projects.

3. Sub-committee reports

- Waste Disposition Options Alternatives - **Wheeler* reminded everyone about the WDO educational session on October 18, at 3:00 pm, and all Board members were invited to attend. *Roberts* said that this was to give all Board members an over view of this project. *Wheeler* requested that notes be taken during the session, and also questions and answers be provided to everyone at a later date. Also, he suggested that there be available a time for everyone to submit questions at a later date. *Young* suggested putting the questions and answers that are collected on the Directors Desk site to make them available for all Board members. *Peterson* suggested that the questions and answers from the educational session be forwarded to the State and EPA.
- Historic Preservation (Ben, Judy) – **Smith* reported that after talking with SST, the company responsible for releasing documents to the CAB for public use, that there would be a delay in getting all

photos reviewed to be used for the History book project. He indicated that it would probably be next Spring before the photos could be reviewed. **Clayton** asked if she might be permitted to prioritize certain photos to get them reviewed quicker so as not to hold up the project. **Smith** indicated he would see if that would be possible. **Roberts** said that a meeting was being held with the Paducah Sun to discuss the printing and handling of the book. It was also suggested that permission be obtained to upload the two previously produced videos on the history of PGDP, be uploaded and put on the CAB web page.

- Adaptive Reuse Initiative (Ken/Eric) - **Young** asked if there was a focus on keeping the movement going to develop a plan on reuse of the site, and who was leading that effort. **Wheeler** indicated that there was a huge driver pushing that forward. He also said that the videos were just the first step toward having a plan for marketing the site for future use.
 - Burial Grounds - **Kemp** said that this subcommittee was just waiting on the November update.
4. Open Recommendations – **Young** said that the Board had received a response to Recommendation 12-03.
 5. CAB Meetings - **There** was discussion about whether to ask USEC to have a representative attend the Board meeting to respond to any questions about a recent HF release in one of the process buildings.
 6. SSAB Chairs Activities – **Young** said that the Spring Chairs meeting would be held at Hanford, WA, April 2013.
 7. Other business - **Smith** said that DOE would be awarding a contract in the next few months to a company to do a site-wide environmental assessment as part of the turnover of the site. **Roberts** also pointed out that there was information available for communities to apply for technical assistance for implementing smart growth approaches.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Action Items:

- Send questions and answers from WDO Educational Session to Board members along with a note mentioning that if they have any follow-up questions, to send them in to be answered.
- Send all info about the WDO Educational Session to EPA and State regulators.
- Get permission to put already produced history videos on the CAB web page.
- Notify **B. Peterson** when the meeting on printing the history book with the Paducah Sun will be so he can attend.