

Meeting Minutes
Waste Operations Task Force
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001

Board members present: Merryman Kemp, Mark Donham, John Tillson

Ex-officio members present: Tuss Taylor, KDWM (by phone)

Staff support present: Bruce Gardner, Design integration Group

Kemp called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

North-South Diversion Ditch: Donham asked about the dispute resolution. Taylor said there has been a resolution that says DOE reserves the right to delay the work if the C-746-U Landfill is not approved for disposal of remediation waste and there is insufficient money to dispose of the material elsewhere. He said this agreement will not affect work on the project because there is enough money to dispose of wastes generated during the cleanup inside the fence. He said work on the portion of the ditch outside the security fence will not begin for 18 months. Donham asked for a copy of the letter resolving the dispute. Taylor said he would provide it.

There was discussion about whether the trichloroethylene in the North-South Ditch should be considered a listed waste. Tillson said he believes it should all be handled as an F-listed RCRA waste and suggested there may be a citizen lawsuit filed in connection with the issue. Tillson said he would make a brief presentation for the board outlining what questions he has about the TCE and how it should be treated. Taylor said if there was no determination on the RCRA issue before the Record of Decision was signed, the state would refuse to sign it.

UF6 Conversion: Donham asked about the scoping meeting on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for depleted uranium hexafluoride conversion. He mentioned that Ohio had issued a Notice of Violation regarding the cylinders stored at Portsmouth and asked why Kentucky had not done the same thing. Taylor said Kentucky did issue an NOV and DOE and the state are negotiating a Consent Order. He also wondered how a contract award can be made without the NEPA process being completed in advance.

M&I Recommendation: Donham volunteered to draft language for a proposed recommendation regarding future M&I contracts.

Other Issues: Donham said he thought the October 17 teleconference regarding scrap metal disposition would be an official NEPA meeting. He said that it was clear to him during the last board meeting that DOE agreed to such a meeting. He said he thinks DOE believed it was “suckering” the Paducah CAB.

There was talk about the need for a board consultant. Donham said he was leery of hiring a contractor because of likely past ties to DOE. Tillson suggested asking other boards who they use, who they would recommend, or not recommend.

Kemp questioned how many board members read The Paducah Sun or The Courier-Journal. She said all board members should receive news clippings again. She said she believed no one would take advantage of Don Seaborg's offer to make them available on request and that the board needed to have these.

Kemp asked about BJC's donations to charities and who gets how much. Gardner said he would pass that request along to Stacey Young of BJC Public Affairs. There was some concern expressed that BJC donations, such as to WKMS radio, could be used to secure favorable media coverage for DOE.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.