

**PGDP Citizens Advisory Board
Waste Operations Task Force
November 13, 2002 * CAB Office**

CAB Members Present: Mark Donham (via teleconference)
Merryman Kemp
John Russell (via teleconference)
John Tillson (via teleconference)

Support Staff Present: Kendra Payne

Public: Charles and Vicki Jurka

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Election of Chair

Tillson was not able to stay on the line, but before leaving the call nominated John Russell for chair of the task force. Donham asked Russell if he would accept the nomination. Russell accepted the nomination, but expressed his concern regarding distance. He stated video conferencing could be a solution. Donham said Paducah Community College has the equipment and that the Board has used it before. Kemp said the task force may have to pay to use the equipment and should look into the possibility. Russell was elected chair by consensus.

Kemp suggested adding the C-746-U Landfill modification to the agenda.

North-South Diversion Ditch (NSDD) – Phases Outside the Fence

Russell reported he has read the Record of Decision (ROD) on Phases 1 and 2. He said this document has provided him with more information than was previously available. He stated the concept of the CAB is lost if it cannot obtain information until after the ROD is available. Russell said the task force should ask the Department of Energy (DOE) for any monitoring results that exist for phases outside the fence. He said the task force should then investigate the target cleanup levels for the ditch. Russell also stated the information in the ROD does not provide a basis for excavation. Donham agreed. Russell said he would like to see the data which supports the plan to excavate the ditch.

Donham asked if the amount of material to excavate was worth the disposal cost. He said he would like to see a cost comparison between on-site and off-site disposal options. Russell stated the only on-site option is the C-746-U Landfill. He said the task force should ask DOE for a cost description for the use of the landfill as well as a listing of available disposal sites in the region.

C-746-U Landfill Modification

Vicki Jurka provided a copy of the modification-related documents that have been made available to the public by the Kentucky Division of Waste Management (KDWM) in preparation for the December 5 public hearing. Kemp stated the modification proposes an increase in the amount of material to be disposed of in the landfill. Donham asked if the documents Jurka provided indicate whether or not the modification has been finalized. Jurka said she did not know if the modification was finalized but that the packet contains current information. Kemp said it was

unclear whether or not the permit modification is finalized, but stated that she did not believe it was since the public hearing has not yet occurred. She added the information does specifically list changes DOE has requested.

Russell asked if the requested increase in the disposal amount was to accommodate waste material from the NSDD project. Jurka said she thought the material would come from both the NSDD and Scrap Metal Removal projects. Kemp inquired about the quality of materials to be put into the C-746-U Landfill. She noted that, according to the information packet, asbestos, construction scrap wood and plastic, fly ash, and institutional and medical wastes were approved to be disposed of in the landfill.

Donham asked what was meant by the proposed 13-year life of the landfill. Russell said it was the amount of time that material can be disposed of at that site.

Jurka stated October's DOE Project Status Updates made no mention of the requested modification to this permit.

Kemp asked if a suit has been brought forth in connection with the landfill. Donham stated the Commonwealth of Kentucky brought forward a suit regarding whether or not they could monitor radiation at the Solid Waste Landfill. He said the court decided it was a federal function and will not allow them to monitor for radiation.

Russell asked if the task force wanted to make a formal request for information. Donham said he would like to request from DOE and any regulating parties a synopsis regarding the modification of the C-746-U Operating Permit.

Russell wanted to know the purpose of the December 5 public hearing. Jurka said the purpose was to discuss the modification to the Solid Waste Disposal Facility Permit. Russell asked who had provided the information packet. Jurka stated the packet was made available by KDWM.

Donham questioned how DOE defines the term "non-hazardous." He understands that levels have been set but would like to know how they arrived at these figures and if they have been accepted by KDWM and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Jurka stated she saw in a document that 15 percent of the C-746-U Landfill was specified for contaminated waste. She said she hopes waste is not being reclassified for cheap disposal. Donham stated the whole site is a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) site, which has strict regulations. He said he feels there is an organized effort to utilize the landfills. He does not understand why waste is taken off-site for disposal since this further spreads contamination. Jurka stated she agreed and that non-hazardous waste should be recycled.

Kemp asked the staff to send a copy of the information packet from KDWM to the entire task force.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.