



Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant
Citizens Advisory Board

Recommendation: 08-05

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Title: Path to Increase Public Education and Information Gathering Concerning Waste Disposal Options

Background:

The Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) in 1994. As a consequence of being placed on the NPL, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was required to commence cleanup of PGDP, in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Commonwealth of Kentucky entered into the Federal Facility Agreement for PGDP in 1998 that established the regulatory framework for CERCLA projects at the PGDP. A variety of CERCLA waste is expected to be generated throughout the cleanup process. DOE is currently evaluating waste disposal alternatives to handle wastes generated under CERCLA actions at the PGDP. The disposition options include off-site disposal, on-site disposal or a combination of both on-site and off-site disposal.

The CERCLA cleanup process designates specific times where public involvement is required. DOE presented its plan for public involvement in the CERCLA waste disposal alternatives evaluation at the March CAB Working Session which includes two additional public education opportunities. DOE has asked the CAB for recommendations to improve public involvement and communication. In addition, Assistant Secretary James Rispoli requested at the Spring 2008 EM SSAB Chairs Meeting that local boards take a closer look at how DOE communicates with the public and informs them of their decisions, actions, and challenges.

Recommendation:

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) recommends that DOE develop and implement a public education program to consist of, but not be limited to, the following components:

- 1) **Conduct multiple public meetings to enhance the public understanding and input for waste disposal options in addition to the meeting listed in DOE's proposed plan**
 - a) **Public meetings should be held early in the public meeting process, prior to official public comment periods**
 - b) **Determine when (i) public education is appropriate vs. (ii) public information gathering activities and clearly inform the community of the intent (i or ii) prior to each public meeting. Informational gathering meetings would be structured with less educational presentations by DOE and more solicitation of input by stakeholders. This might include: prior solicitation and listing of community questions, separate roundtable discussions, generate additional listing of stakeholder concerns and ideas, plan for follow-up communications.**
 - c) **The information delivered in these meetings should be presented in layman's terms so that all parties, including those without a technical background can grasp the subject**
 - d) **Educational presentations should be recorded for broadcast and copies should be distributed to interested parties and media outlets**
 - e) **Provide a question and answer session at each of these meetings**

- 2) Development and distribution of a fact sheet(s) explaining:**
 - a) Overview of the CERCLA process**
 - b) Origins of wastes generated on site and waste generation projections**
 - c) Disposition options including off-site, on-site or combinations of the two**
 - d) The risks and benefits to the community associated with each disposal option**
 - e) Cost estimates for each disposal options**
 - f) Examples of the types of waste that require disposal**
 - g) An anticipated timeline for public input**
 - h) Fact sheets should be made available to the greater McCracken County area, including individuals interested in past disposal options discussions**

- 3) Develop display model(s) of the potential CERCLA cell**
 - a. Model(s) should indicate the possible sites that may be utilized**
 - b. Fact sheets associated with display model(s) should provide information from other sites that have a currently constructed CERCLA cell**
 - c. Model(s) should show locations of plant neighbors and DOE property lines**
 - d. The model(s) should be on display at the DOE Environmental Information Center along with other background information and educational pieces.**

- 4) In addition to the planned public meetings, DOE should initiate and promote opportunities to educate and solicit input from a diverse and broad mix of local organizations (see Attachment 1)**

Media Contacts

Kentucky Major City Newspapers

Lexington Herald-Leader	859-231-3446
Louisville Courier-Journal	270-443-1802
Associated Press	812-423-8136

Regional

Fulton County	
Fulton/Hickman Free Press	Tina Forrest 270-442-7389
Hickman County	
Hickman County Gazette	Gaye Bencini 270-653-3381
Marshall County	
Marshall County Tribune Courier	Misti Strader 270-527-3162
Livingston County	
The Livingston Ledger	Todd Hansen 270 928-2128
Calloway County	
Murray Ledger & Times	Eric Walker 270-753-1916
Massac County, Illinois	
Metropolis Planet	Linda Kennedy 618-524-2141

West Kentucky Newspapers (counties adjacent to plant)

McCracken	
*Paducah Sun	Joe Walker 270-575-8656
West Kentucky News	Gary Miller 270-442-7389
Ballard	
The Advance Yeoman (LaCenter)	Teri Davis 270-442-7389
Carlisle	
Carlisle County News	Teresa LeNeave 270-628-5490
Graves County	
The Mayfield Messenger (Mayfield)	Jim Abernathy 270-247-1515

Industry Publications

*Weapons Complex Monitor	Mike Nartker 202-296-0750
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West Kentucky TV Stations

*WPSD-TV (NBC), Paducah, KY	Lauren Adams/Jennifer Horbelt 270-415-1944
*WSIL-TV (ABC), Cartersville, IL	Rachel Gartner 618-985-2333
*KFVS-TV (CBS), Cape Girardeau, MS	Holly Brantley 573-335-1212

Radio

Region	
WKMS (NPR)	Bryan Bartlett 270-762-4666
WCBL	Stephanie Waters 270-527-3102
Surrounding Counties	
WKYX/WKYQ/WPAD/WDDJ	Donna Groves 270-444-6397
WGKY	Larry Kelly 270-335-3696
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WRKY/WNBS/WFGE	Scott Swalls 270-753-2400
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Most Active

Local Area Churches

Milburn Chapel Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
8270 Old Hinkleville Road
West Paducah KY 42086

Rickman Road Missionary
Baptist Church
3335 Rickman Road
West Paducah KY 42086

McKendree United Methodist Church
2860 McKendree Church Road
Kevil KY 42053

Grace Valley Baptist Church
403 Kentucky Ave.
Kevil KY 42053

Kevil First Baptist Church
986 North First Street
Kevil KY 42053

Providence Baptist Church
4409 Monkeys Eyebrow Road
Kevil KY 42053

Newton Creek Baptist Church
12800 Ogden Landing Road
Kevil KY 42053

Little Union Baptist Church
5601 Bandana Road
Kevil KY 42053

Spring Bayou Baptist Church
4575 Old Hobbs Road
Kevil KY 42053

Carneal Chapel Church
5900 Metropolis Lake Road
West Paducah KY 42086

Bethel Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
12304 Wickliffe Road
Kevil KY 42053

Maxon Christian Church
7920 Cairo Road
West Paducah KY 42086

Concord West Church of Christ
4715 Mayfield Metropolis Road
West Paducah KY 42086

Mount Zion Baptist Church
Hwy. 62
West Paducah KY 42086

Harmony Baptist Church
9215 Ogden Landing Road
West Paducah KY 42086

Kevil United Methodist Church
1072 North First Street
Kevil KY 42053

Highland Baptist Church
1500 Husbands Road
Paducah KY 42003

New Liberty Methodist Church
11745 Ogden Landing Road
Kevil KY 42053

Palestine United Methodist Church
West Paducah KY 42086

Oakalone Christian Church
PO Box 246
West Paducah, KY 42086