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# CAB FARE

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## Courtney, Ingram honored for their service to CAB

### ■ The last meeting as board members for Nola Courtney and Judy Ingram was in June.

Two retiring members of the Department of Energy's Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Citizens Advisory Board have been honored for their service to the board and the community.

Nola Courtney, a charter member of the panel, and Judy Ingram, a member for four years, were recognized at their final CAB meeting in June.

Both members said they were glad for the opportunity to serve, but regret that the body has not been able to accomplish more.

"The board has certainly made some progress, but it has been very difficult because of the constantly changing imperatives of the DOE and the changeover in the administration," Courtney said. "It's very political. Every time the political climate changes, DOE's direction is changed, or it is changed for them.

"In some respects we have made a difference, but certainly not as much as we could have made if DOE's direction didn't keep changing."

Ingram said her two terms on the board were "very rewarding."

"We have seen some improvements in the cleanup," she said.

"I wouldn't take credit for it, but it's rewarding to have been a part of it," Ingram added. "The board has been influential in what is going on out there."

Ingram also said she believes the advisory board could have accomplished more.

"You're limited by the DOE on what you can do, and our board has limited itself in a sense," she said "We haven't all taken personal responsibility to be closer to what's going on.



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"We get a lot of information on the projects, but the solution is not in the information. The solution is to get the board more involved.



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"We've made a lot of improvements and I hope the board continues to improve."

Courtney said the board made a good move with the creation of task forces to focus on specific issues, which will help members in the future.

"There is so much to learn," she said. "With the task forces, you can become more knowledgeable on certain issues and pass that on to the others."

Courtney said she wishes there was more public involvement in the cleanup project at the PGDP.

She said she wants to see more DOE public meetings, more public participation at board meetings and more educational efforts to inform people about PGDP wastes.

New members will be appointed by the Department of Energy to fill Courtney and Ingram's board seats.

## NEWS IN BRIEF ...

□ Task Force concerned about lack of information — The CAB's Water Task Force is concerned about a lack of information from DOE about pending projects. Some projects at the PGDP are on hold pending the completion of negotiations between DOE and federal and state environmental regulators. The negotiations concern a DOE proposal to speed cleanup at its sites around the nation.

At their June meeting, task force members said they were frustrated about the apparent lack of progress on cleanup at the site. They also expressed concern that the CAB was not able to be effective and that CAB recommendations are not being seriously considered.

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## **CAB Calendar 2002**

### **Board meetings —**

*(All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. at the DOE Environmental Information Center, 115 Memorial Drive in Paducah. Public attendance is welcome.)*

**August 15**  
**September 19**  
**October 15**  
**November 21**

### **Task Force Meetings —**

*(All task force meetings are at the CAB office, 111 Memorial Drive. Public attendance is welcome.)*

#### **August**

2 — Water, noon  
12 — Long Range Strategy/Stewardship, 2:00 p.m.  
14 — Waste Operations, 5:30 p.m.

#### **September**

6 — Water, noon  
11 — Waste Operations, 5:30 p.m.  
12 — Long Range Strategy/Stewardship, 1:30 p.m.

*Meeting times and dates are subject to change. Please call the board office at (270) 554-3004.*

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