

Site Specific Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 1999

The April 15, 1999, Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting took place at the Information Age Park Resource Center in Paducah at 5:30 p.m.

The following board members were present: Edward Duff, Angela Farmer, Judy Ingram, Vicki Jones, Ronald Lamb, Linda Long, Craig Rhodes, and Jim Smart. Proposed members in attendance were: Merryman Kemp, Douglas Raper, and Rosa Scott. The facilitator present was Steve Kay. The *ex officio* members present were Todd Adams, Carl Froede, and Tuss Taylor. The United States Department of Energy (DOE) federal coordinator present was John D. Sheppard. Also present were the following members of the public and employees, contractors, and subcontractors of the DOE: Raul Castaneda, Bruce Gardner, Shelley Hawkins, Pat Hopper, Fraser Johnstone, Norm Jetta, Bill Lindsey, Jimmy Massey, Shirley Speer, and Debbie Wattier.

Agenda

Steve Kay called the meeting to order and asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Judy Ingram said that Bill Tanner had requested that his report on hiring a consultant be added at end of meeting. An update to membership also was added. The modified agenda was approved and adopted.

Facilitator's Orientation

Kay said the orientation was primarily for the new members. He reviewed highlights of the SSAB bylaws. Kay said the facilitator's role is to help the board stay on the agenda, to reach closure on issues, and to check for consensus when there are decisions to be made. His role also includes making sure all views are heard and valued until a decision is reached.

Public Comments from Guests

There were no comments made during this period.

Minutes

The minutes from the March 18, 1999, minutes were approved by consensus. John Sheppard stated that the last paragraph of the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 1999, should be amended to read "letter co-authored by Rep. Whitfield and Rep. Ted Strickland from Ohio." The modified minutes were adopted.

Information Handouts

No comments.

Environmental Management and Enrichment Facilities Project Updates

Debbie Wattier said a map has been included at the back of the Project Update handout. Wattier asked members to give feedback to her or John Sheppard as to whether or not the map should be included at every meeting.

Vortec Update

John Sheppard stated that the EA is targeted for completion in September 1999.

Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF₆) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Update

John Sheppard stated DOE has begun its part of the procurement process for DUF₆ conversion facilities. Tuss Taylor said the EIS is on the Internet. Taylor attended a meeting last week regarding DUF₆ and indicated that the Record of Decision (ROD) is expected in May 1999. They are trying to accelerate this quickly and get an RFP out by 1999.

Surface Water Operable Unit (SWOU)

Chris Marshall, the task lead for Bechtel Jacobs Company on the Surface Water Operable Unit (SWOU), presented a summary of the SWOU scoping document. Marshall's presentation included an outline of the sections in the document just produced referred to as the Surface Water Operable Unit Scoping Document. It is the first document in the RI/FS CERCLA process. It will help to develop the RI Workplan for the SWOU.

Angela Farmer asked about section 3-7, when the field investigation is scheduled. Marshall said it is scheduled for fall of 2000. Steve Kay asked if there were other questions about that material. He asked if this should be kept on the agenda. Tuss Taylor commented that this document is one of the first of its kind. It is under the new environmental remediation strategy.

Raul Castenada reported there had been a meeting yesterday and part of today with representatives from the State, the EPA, and Fish and Wildlife to talk about this scoping document, issued March 30, 1999. The idea was to have a meeting today to discuss what is going to be the workplan to be submitted September 30, 1999.

Carl Froede said: the document is a scoping document, a predecision document. It is not officially available for public comment. The official Federal Facility Agreement submittal will come out September 30, 1999, and that is really the first opportunity for public comment. Angela Farmer asked once it comes out, will it specify information; like what and where ⁹⁹Tc concentrations are? Froede said no, that would be a workplan. Froede said the next step is to generate the RIFS Workplan. The workplan itself won't come out till the end of September. Kay suggested that the board spend more time tonight looking at the SSAB workplan and thinking about the way it might need to be restructured, given the new system for organizing the work on the site. John Sheppard said the SWOU scoping document represents a briefing of the agencies of the intent to move forward with the idea of getting more information. He said the board is welcome to read the scoping document, and make suggestions. Froede noted that the meetings this week will result in numerous changes to the SWOU scoping document. The next document will be the D1 Workplan FFA Primary Document. Froede says from a DOE standpoint, they would probably like to see comments if the board sees glaring inconsistencies, there is a good chance these were caught in the meetings this week.

Waste Area Group 6

Gregory Waldrop was not present. Leave this item on the agenda for May.

Waste Area Group 22, Solid Waste Management Units 2 and 3

Nola Courtney was not present. Nothing new was reported in this area.

Waste Area Groups 9 and 11

Fraser Johnstone said WAGs 9 and 11 are a collection of seven SWMUs as described in the Project Update handout. There is a three page executive summary photocopied out of the front of the Site Evaluation report issued in December, 1998, if anyone who has not had a chance to look at that report would like to see the executive summary. There also is a map of the seven SWMUs.

Recommendations from SSAB Evaluation Subcommittee

Jim Smart said a couple of things prompted this subcommittee meeting. One is that the board has several new members coming in and there are several changes. The second reason is, about a month ago, the two ladies from DOE, Judith Bradley and Christie Branch, gave a report. They visited SSABs and reported on how the SSABs were working together as a team. In this particular report, was a lot of good information. Three SSAB members got together to come up with ideas on how to make the Paducah board work more effectively. There are six recommendations from this Paducah SSAB subcommittee. Presented as ideas for discussion:

More community involvement.

- A proposal to have an ad in *The Paducah Sun* before the next meeting was made and approved.
- Craig Rhodes, Judy Ingram, Merryman Kemp, and Jim Smart agreed to serve on a community relations subcommittee with Judy Ingram as chair.
- Carl Froede said there is a Community Relations plan that has been approved for the facility. He suggested that this subcommittee get a copy of that Community Relations plan to see what information is in it that can be used and supplemented. It is intended to be a public outreach document. Kay said the board members received that a while back. Froede said if it needs to be revised it should be.

Need for the board members to interact more.

- Board agreed to start the SSAB meeting with an informal discussion session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hiring a local person from the community as a technical manager to assist the board.

- It was decided to hold item three until Bill Tanner is present.

Offer more tours of plant.

- General plant tour being planned for May.
- Tours focused on SSAB workplan topics can be planned.

Develop a new member orientation packet.

- Froede suggested mentoring by pairing a new member with an experienced member for a meeting.
- It was suggested that an acronym list be one of the items in the orientation packet.

At each board meeting, a member could spend a few minutes covering past, current, and future goals of a particular area/issue.

Cumulative Effects on the Site

Shelley Hawkins said the internet Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) file is too big to open in PDF format. A list of those websites will be on the Paducah SSAB website.

Site Specific Advisory Board Membership

John Sheppard said the member packet that includes the background on the five candidates along with the complete matrix of makeup of the board has been provided to DOE headquarters and approval of those five individuals is pending.

Site Tour

A general site tour is planned for May 4, 1999, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the DOE site office. Information will be sent to members.

Workplan

John Sheppard said there is a group from Oak Ridge called National Recycle Scrap Metal that would like to come to the next meeting. They will give a report on the options and opportunities of scrap metal. John Sheppard will provide examples for the workplan based on the new operable unit strategy.

Financial Update

Debbie Wattier presented the report. John Sheppard said an additional \$25,000 is expected for SSAB budget.

Site Specific Advisory Board Web Page and Letterhead

New letterhead choices will be put back in the packet to be decided on next meeting.

John Sheppard discussed the transportation seminar at Fernald in May; there is money for travel if the board is interested.

The next meeting will be held May 13, 1999, at the Information Age Park Resource Center at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.