

**To:** - Citizen Task Force  
**From:** Melinda Holland, Clean Sites  
**Subject:** Summary of October 1, 1997, Meeting - **Revised**  
**Date:** October 13, 1997

**Next Meeting:**

The next Task Force meeting will be on:

Date: Tuesday October 21, 1997  
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Location: Ashford Office Complex  
9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY

If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (864) 457-4202, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

**Task Force Attendees:**

Attending were: Pete Scherer, Ray Vaughan, John Pfeffer, Larry Smith, Paul Krantz (for Rich Tobe), Bill King, John Pfeffer, Nevella McNeil, Eric Wohlers, Elaine Belt, Pete Cooney, and Warren Schmidt. Not attending were: Lana Rosler, Blake Reeves, Murray Regan, and Joe Patti.

**October 1 Meeting Summary:**

Tom Attridge began the meeting by addressing administrative issues. Melinda Holland reviewed the agenda with the Task Force and requested comments on the September 16 meeting summary.

The focus of the October 1 meeting was a consensus building exercise using a role play negotiation simulation called Bog Berries versus Federal Environmental Agency. Melinda Holland reviewed the principles to be applied while doing the exercise and explained the process. Two simulated negotiations were held between teams of CTF members as negotiators. Participants were debriefed by the facilitators and shared their observations and what they learned from the exercise.

After completion of the exercise, some issues were raised by CTF members, including the announcement that Congressman Amo Houghton would be available to meet with the CTF via satellite teleconference. Congressman Houghton requested a summary of the issues or questions that the CTF might wish to raise at such a meeting to allow him to prepare. CTF members were asked to submit lists of questions and issues to Warren Schmidt at the next CTF meeting.

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A CTF member also questioned the rest of the Task Force about how they want to spend their time at future meetings which resulted in a discussion over the desire for the scheduled presentations on risk, institutional controls and cost benefit versus more site oriented discussions. Tom Attridge, Melinda Holland, and Gene Peters of Clean Sites explained to the CTF several exercises which are under development to aid the Task Force in its analysis evaluation of options for closure of the site. One exercise would involve dividing the CTF into small groups to develop lists of pros and cons for each alternative for a Waste Management Area (WMA). The lists would then be discussed and added to during full CTF discussion, followed by prioritization of the pros and cons. The list of the highest priority pros and cons could then become the basis for identification of CTF values, criteria and site closure principles. The CTF agreed that they would prefer the October 21 meeting to focus on a "pros and cons" exercise for WMAs 1 and 3. If that approach is successful the November 5 meeting could also be spent analyzing pros and cons for other key WMAs such as 7 and 8 (SDA and NDA).

Gene Peters of Clean Sites also briefly explained an exercise under development which would follow and build upon the pros and cons exercises. That exercise would utilize a site map and "puzzle pieces" which graphically represent the components (e.g., dose, cost, jobs, deaths, implementability) of the DEIS alternatives. The puzzle pieces could be placed on the map in various configurations to assist the CTF in evaluating the impacts of different combination alternatives. The puzzle pieces and/or the exercise could also incorporate key CTF values or closure principles developed during the pros and cons exercises. This exercise will be presented to the CTF in draft form for their reaction in the near future.

CTF members expressed the desire to postpone or cancel the planned presentations on risk, institutional controls and cost benefit until they have had time to work directly with the site issues and information using the proposed exercises. The CTF will evaluate their need for additional information and presentations as they work with the site exercises.

### **Observer Comments**

There were no observer comments.

### **Meeting Follow-up Activities**

- Prepare a revised CTF meeting schedule.
- Present a draft site "puzzle" exercise when it becomes available.

