

To: Citizen Task Force
From: Melinda Holland, Clean Sites
Subject: Summary of April 1, 1998, Report Drafting Subcommittee Meeting
Date: April 7, 1998

Next Meeting:

The next Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting will be on:

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 1998
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY

Representative Amo Houghton is planning to be present at the April 21, 1998, CTF meeting via video conference.

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.

CTF Attendees:

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

April 1, 1998, Workgroup Meeting Summary:

Tom Attridge and Melinda Holland opened the meeting by reviewing administrative issues and the agenda. Ms. Holland mentioned that Representative Amo Houghton is planning to attend the April 21, 1998, CTF meeting via video conference.

As decided at the last meeting, the agenda for the April 1 meeting was for the drafting subcommittee to continue its work on refining a draft report for presentation to the full CTF. The Subcommittee began with the draft report as revised based on input received at the March 17 Subcommittee meeting¹. Rich Tobe initiated the working session discussions by summarizing the changes made to the last draft as a result of the March 17 subcommittee meeting. He noted that he had attempted to address some of the parking lot issues by adding new language to this draft. The CTF worked through the draft section by section. Changes

¹This draft has a footer with the date 3/24/98.

agreed to by all present on April 1 were added to the draft. The attached draft report² shows strikeout for language deleted during the April 1 meeting and grey shading (redlining) for new language inserted at this meeting. Issues or suggestions which were not resolved or agreed to were recorded on a “parking lot” flip chart and are listed in this summary. Parking lot issues will be readdressed at a future meeting.

A CTF member questioned site representatives about whether they felt the approach being taken in the CTF’s draft report would be useful for the site. A DOE representative responded that she felt that the document contained enough flexibility for the site to use it in putting together their preferred alternative. Site DOE representatives are also sharing the drafts with DOE headquarters to obtain their reactions. A NYSERDA representative stated that he finds that the approach being taken in the report will be useful for the state in developing the preferred alternative.

April 1 Unresolved Issues (Parking Lot)

- ◆ There was an unresolved issue over language in Section III, Paragraph 1. (Line 54 of the 3/24/98 draft), which states “1. The CTF does not believe the site is suitable for the long term, permanent storage or disposal ... “. A CTF member requested that the language “does not believe” be changed to “questions whether.”
- ◆ A CTF member requested that NRC or the state clarify whether the West Valley site could meet NRC- or state-siting criteria.
- ◆ Confirm the correct population figure to be used in Section III, Paragraph 1.
- ◆ Section III, Paragraph 7 (Lines 94, 95 of the 3/24/98 draft) a CTF member requested language be added to require a contingency fund to support development of an alternative storage system. The use of the term “alternative storage system” vs. the term “contingency plan” was also unresolved.
- ◆ Section III, Paragraph 9 (Lines 99, 100 of the 3/24/98 draft) “The CTF recognizes that, for some wastes, excavation and storage may not be appropriate in the near term.” The CTF needs to further address the issue of delaying excavation to allow decay of radioisotopes to levels which would allow safe handling. A CTF member stated that no site consultant reports had supported this approach and questioned its viability given the very high dose numbers for the tanks and process building cells. Site representatives agreed to provide additional information. Eric Wohlers agreed to craft new language for this paragraph.
- ◆ The CTF members present at the April 1 meeting agreed to delete the new language shown in Section III as Paragraph X1 (Lines 125 - 127 of the 3/24/98 draft) but want to discuss it with the CTF member who had proposed the concept.
- ◆ A CTF member requested that language be added to Section III to reflect the need for the site to comply with NYSDEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) requirements and concerns.
- ◆ A CTF member suggested developing language to modify Section III, Paragraph X2 (Lines 128 - 131 of the 3/24/98 draft) to indicate the CTF’s preference that DOE remain on site as long as (... add language to be developed here).

²Please note that the attached draft has a footer dated 4/1/98.

Observer Comments:

There were no observer comments.

Next Steps

- ◆ The April 21 meeting will focus on discussion between the CTF and Representative Amo Houghton via video conference. If that interaction is completed before the meeting adjourns, the CTF will continue working on the draft report beginning with Section IV.