

To: Citizen Task Force  
From: Melinda Holland, Clean Sites  
Subject: Summary of June 16, 1998, Task Force Meeting  
Date: June 24, 1998

**Next Meeting:**

The next Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting is tentatively scheduled [depending on the availability of Representative Amo Houghton for a video conference] for:

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

The next meeting date will be confirmed by written notice as soon as it is established. 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, John Pfeffer,, Barbara Mazurowski, Pete Cooney, Nevella McNeil, Larry Smith, Eric Wohlers, Paul Piciulo, Bridget Wilson, Warren Schmidt, Blake Reeves, Rich Tobe and Bill King. Not attending were: Lana Rosler, Murray Regan, and Tim Siepel.

*Regulatory Agency Attendees:*

Jack Krajewski, NYSDEC.

*Attendees via video conference:*

Jack Parrott and Tim Johnson, NRC.

**June 16 Meeting Summary:**

Tom Attridge and Melinda Holland opened the meeting by reviewing administrative issues and the agenda.

At this meeting the CTF reviewed and unanimously approved (with some modifications) the draft Recommendations Report prepared by the Drafting Subcommittee. Given the CTF's preference to submit consensus recommendations, the facilitator agreed to contact the three CTF members who

were not present at the meeting about signing the document. The CTF Final Report, as approved on June 16, has been sent to the CTF mailing list<sup>1</sup>.

The issues discussed before approval of the Final Report included discussion of suggested edits contained in a letter submitted by a constituent of one of the CTF members. After discussing the letter twice the CTF members decided that the changes suggested were all style or grammar in nature and would not change the substance of the report. They decided to move ahead without making any of the style or grammar suggestions.

The next issue involved a request for clarification of the language of paragraph 12 in Section IV. The Task Force agreed on clarifying revisions to this paragraph. The group then discussed a member's concern over the lack of a paragraph which addresses the North Plateau groundwater plume. He felt that existing references to the plume in the document were insufficient to address the issues. He recommended adding a new paragraph to Section IV which would deal with the need for a comprehensive plan to address the plume and its source area. After some discussion, the CTF agreed to add a new paragraph 13 to Section IV to address this concern. It reads, "The Preferred Alternative shall specifically detail a comprehensive plan for addressing the North Plateau Plume, including the source area, and shall clearly establish the authority under which the plan will be implemented over the long term."

After the unanimous approval of the Final Report by the CTF they discussed next steps. The CTF asked the site representatives to draft a press release to accompany the Final Report for distribution to local and regional press representatives. Rich Tobe accepted the CTF's recommendation that he be named as the CTF spokesperson in the press release. They also requested that the Final Report be distributed to the CTF mailing list, the EIS mailing list, and public information repositories. The Task Force agreed that the document should be publicized as widely as possible. The site representatives agreed with these requests.

The CTF concluded that they would like to have another video conference with Representative Amo Houghton to hear his reaction to the Final Report and explain the report to him. The next CTF meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 21 depending on Representative Houghton's availability. A CTF member also requested that a meeting be scheduled for a presentation and discussion of the CTF's Final Report to high-level DOE and NYSERDA officials. It was also suggested that Representative Houghton and other elected officials be encouraged to participate. A CTF member suggested that Representative Houghton be asked to help encourage high-level agency participation.

Several CTF members felt strongly that it is important to obtain a formal reaction to the Final Report from DOE and NYSERDA. A member cautioned that the CTF should not look for site approval of the report but should use the report to put pressure on the site to do the right thing.

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<sup>1</sup>If you have not received a copy of the Final Report, please call Sonja Allen at [716] 942-2152.

Site representatives congratulated the Task Force on successfully completing its recommendations. They stated that they would carefully consider these recommendations in developing the preferred alternative. They stated that there are four key areas of input to be considered: 1) CTF recommendations; 2) DEIS comments; 3) NRC Decontamination and Decommissioning requirements; 4) additional technical analyses. The current site schedule plans on the completion of the Record of Decision for the site closure in May 2000. The site is working under a schedule to complete the many items necessary to develop the preferred alternative and Record of Decision. Some of those activities include erosion studies, review of CTF recommendations, risk assessment, performance assessment, cost/benefit analysis, negotiations between DOE and NYSERDA, and others. The site representatives asked the CTF to consider how they would like to be kept informed while the preferred alternative is under development.

In response to a CTF member's question, NRC representatives stated that their decontamination and decommissioning recommendations are still in upper-level review within NRC and they do not have a release date scheduled.

The CTF also requested that an acknowledgment be added to the Final Report of the members who were unable to complete the CTF process.

### **Next Steps**

- ◆ Confirm video conference date with Representative Houghton's office and announce next CTF meeting for that date.
- ◆ Distribute Final Report with press release.