

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Tom Attridge  
Subject: Summary of July 17, 2001 Future Site Use Work Group Meeting  
Date: July 25, 2001

### **Next Meeting**

The next Future Site Use Work Group meeting is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, August 7, 2001  
**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 Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

### **CTF Attendees**

Attending were: Paul Bembia (for Paul Piciulo), Bill King, Mark Mitskovski, Nevella McNeil, Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Pete Scherer, Tim Siepel, Ray Vaughan, Alice Williams, and Eric Wohlers.

### **Meeting Summary**

Tom Attridge started by asking the Work Group members what they hoped to accomplish at the meeting. Several members stated that they wanted to listen and hear what people had to say, while others said they wanted to brainstorm ideas and continue the discussion (from the 6/19/01 CTF meeting) about establishing a potential research center at the site. The NYSERDA and DOE representatives provided the Work Group with written information about their respective agencies and the relevant programs that could help the group brainstorm.

One member suggested a report be written on the possibilities for future site use, and passed out a draft outline for such a report. Most members agreed that developing a report would be a good first step. The member went on to say that he was currently working with a group of people that helped him prepare the outline for the report, adding that the report would provide a baseline for everyone to be speaking the same language. He also distributed several documents covering Pacific Northwest Laboratory's list of research areas, an overview of the National Environmental Research Parks (NERPs), and a memo on an Eco-Industrial Center grant between the University of Southern California and Cornell University.

The following ideas and insights were shared by members during the general discussion about the proposed report:

- ▶ The Work Group should invite people knowledgeable in future site use issues to come share information with the group and to help brainstorm.
- ▶ Infrastructure and barrier analysis should be added to the report outline.
- ▶ Keeping a broad scope of ideas on the table, at this point in time, is preferred.
- ▶ Pursuing a research center when so many other research centers already exist was acknowledged as a barrier to be overcome.
- ▶ The Work Group agreed they should meet once every three weeks.
- ▶ The audience of the report should be private and public organizations.

After general discussion of the report, the Work Group reviewed the proposed report outline by section, and provided suggestions and changes.

### **Next Steps**

The Work Group decided to hold its next Work Group meeting on August 7, 2001 to continue discussions on future site use. The Work Group members also decided to invite Ron Palmer (WVNS) and Joe Purcell (Diversified Controls) to come that meeting to share their thoughts on future site use with the group.

The DOE representative asked whether the two agencies should continue to be involved in the discussions of the Work Group. The members all agreed that having DOE and NYSERDA participate in these discussions would be beneficial overall.

### **Action Items:**

- ▶ DOE and NYSERDA agreed to provide written materials to help the Work Group in writing Section #1 and #3 of the proposed report.
- ▶ Nevella McNeil will invite Ron Palmer to attend the August 7, 2001 Work Group meeting.
- ▶ Mark Mitskovski will invite Joe Purcell to attend the August 7, 2001 Work Group meeting.
- ▶ Tim Siepel will contact Cornell University to find more out about the Eco-Industry grant with the University of Southern California.
- ▶ John Pfeffer will obtain more information about NERPs .