

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Melinda Holland
Subject: Summary of March 5, 2002, CTF Meeting
Date: March 20, 2002

Next Meeting

The next full Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2002
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.

CTF Attendees

Attending were: Eric Wohlers, Ray Vaughan, John Beltz, Michelle Enser, Paul Piciulo, Bill King, Alice Williams, Mark Mitskovski (for Larry Rubin), Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Pete Scherer, Warren Schmidt, and Bill Kay (for Tim Siepel).

CTF Members not attending were: Bridget Wilson, Mark Steffan, Lana Redeye, Lee Lambert, and Nevella McNeil.

Agency Attendees

Ralph Holland, DOE Ohio Field Office
Jack Krajewski, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Meeting Highlights

- ▶ Ralph Holland, Lead Contracting Officer to the DOE Ohio Field Office explained the procurement process for the proposed extension of the West Valley Nuclear Services Company (WVNSCO) contract through December 31, 2004.
- ▶ Alice Williams, DOE WVDP Project Director, presented information on the potential plan for acceleration options for the project.
- ▶ The CTF discussed follow-up actions resulting from the February 13, 2002, meeting with the Western New York Congressional delegation in Washington, DC.

Meeting Summary

Melinda Holland opened the meeting by briefly describing the written materials that were disseminated at the meeting (see list a end of summary) and reviewing the agenda.

The meeting began with Ralph Holland Lead Contracting Officer at the DOE Ohio Field Office explained the procurement process for extending the West Valley Nuclear Services Company (WVNSCO) contract, if DOE decides to grant a non-competitive extension through December 31, 2004.

The current WVNSCO contract expires on September 30, 2002. Alice Williams, DOE West Valley, also explained the site's perspective on this potential contract extension. A public notice has been issued for a 30 day comment period, which ends March 22. Mr. Holland explained that they feel a full competitive procurement will be needed for the next contract (post-2004). He explained that having completed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) before the next contract is highly desirable to provide clarity on the end state and scope of work needed.

Alice Williams also discussed the proposed acceleration of cleanup plans for West Valley which include cleaning out the General Purpose Cell, the Process Mechanical Cell, the Fuel Receiving and Storage pool, as well as completing the construction of the Remote Handled Waste Facility (RHWF), which is already under construction and has momentum to be completed. The RHWF will be used to package and ship waste off-site in the future. She mentioned that she would talk with DOE-Headquarters about ways to expedite and complete the EIS and ROD but noted that development of a preferred alternative is a necessary step that must be completed.

The CTF discussed action items needed to follow up on commitments made at the February 13, 2002, meeting with the Western New York congressional delegation in Washington, DC. CTF members agreed to send two letters. One letter is to be addressed to Congressman Houghton (with cc:'s to the rest of the delegation) asking if he has made any progress in setting up a meeting between Governor Pataki and DOE Secretary Abraham to try to move the negotiations forward. (On March 6, 2002, NYS Governor Pataki sent a letter to DOE Secretary Abraham regarding the negotiations.) The second letter will go to Senator Schumer asking that he implement his suggestion of holding regular conference calls with the CTF, NYSERDA and DOE on the negotiations. The letter to Senator Schumer will also ask for more information on Schumer's statement that DOE had been behind the "future funding cut" language regarding West Valley in the 2002 appropriations bill.

Eric Wohlers mentioned that two Congressional staffers, Jim Kane and Scott Sroka, are interested in redevelopment issues and would like to attend the Future Site Use Work Group (FSUWG) meetings. Eric indicated that they may be able to help obtain federal funding for local redevelopment efforts. Mark Mitskovski stated that the University of Buffalo Brownfields Center may be interested in becoming involved in the FSUWG as well. Eric agreed to follow up with them.

A CTF member requested explanation and discussion of the term "safe lay up of HLW storage tanks" (as used in Attachment 1 of the materials that the CTF provided to the Congressional delegation during the meeting in Washington, DC.) at the next Task Force meeting. DOE agreed to provide this information.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the CTF Future Site Use Work Group is (tentatively) scheduled for March 19, 2002. (The meeting was subsequently postponed and new meeting date has not been set.)

The next meeting of the CTF is scheduled for April 9, 2002 and will focus on preparing for the NRC's public meeting at West Valley on the Policy Statement.

Action Items

Action	Assigned to	Due Date (2002)
Draft letter to Senator Schumer requesting status of bi-weekly conference calls and information regarding origination of the language included in the FY2002 budget appropriations bill.	John Pfeffer	March 12
Follow up with the U.B. Brownfields Center on their interest in participating in the FSUWG	Eric Wohlers	March 12
Provide additional information on the term "safe lay up of HLW storage tanks" at the next CTF meeting	Alice Williams	April 9
Contact Tom Barnes, Southern Tier West, and Ken Swanekamp, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, to draft an RFP for a study.	Eric Wohlers & Mark Mitskovski	March 8

Observer Comments

There were no observer comments.

List of Documents

1. Meeting agenda
2. Presentation titled, "Procurement Issues Related to the West Valley Demonstration Project," presented by Ralph Holland, DOE-Ohio
3. Presentation titled, "Plan for WVDP Acceleration," presented by Alice Williams, DOE-West Valley
4. New York Times article, "Energy Dept. Sued Over Nuclear Waste," dated March 4, 2002
5. Wall Street Journal article, "Charges of Conflicts Dog Energy Aide, an ex-CEO," dated February 28, 2002