

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Melinda Holland  
Subject: Summary of April 16, 2002, CTF Caucus  
Date: May 13, 2002

At the end of the regular Citizen Task Force meeting held on April 16, a CTF member requested a caucus session with CTF members and NYSERDA representatives, as provided for in the CTF Ground Rules Section V.[C], which states that "A participant can request a caucus at any time during a meeting." This summary has been prepared in accordance with Section IV.[A] of the CTF Ground Rules which provides that "a brief summary of the deliberations of any closed session must be prepared and made available within a reasonable time." If you have questions or comments regarding about this summary, please contact Melinda Holland, Task Force Facilitator at (864) 457-4202 or mholland@piedmont.net.

### **CTF Caucus Attendees**

*Attending were:* Eric Wohlers, Ray Vaughan, Mark Mitskovski, Lee Lambert, Joe Patti, Bill King, Pete Scherer, Gayla Gray, Warren Schmidt, Tim Siepel, Lana Redeye, Michelle Enser, John Pfeffer, and Melinda Holland.

*Attending from NYSERDA were:* Bill Flynn (President), Hal Brodie (Deputy Counsel), Paul Piciulo, and Tom Attridge.

### **Caucus Summary**

During the caucus, CTF members discussed the following items:

- ▶ Follow-up activities with the NY Congressional delegation.
- ▶ Inquired of NYSERDA whether the CTF is overstepping its charter and boundaries by becoming more active in working with the press, state and federal elected officials and agencies (such as NRC), etc. NYSERDA representatives stated that they did not believe the CTF was over stepping its bounds. If the CTF wants to embrace activities which are not covered by the existing ground rules, then the Task Force can amend the ground rules.
- ▶ Common concerns held by the CTF and NYSERDA, including the NRC Policy Statement and DOE's accelerated cleanup proposals for West Valley. NYSERDA agreed to share its comments on the accelerated cleanup proposals with the CTF.
- ▶ The idea of becoming a DOE Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB), reiterating the CTF's past decision not to attempt to gain SSAB status due to the restrictions on activities (such as working with Congressional representatives) and the extensive procedural requirements SSABs must follow.
- ▶ Seneca Nation status as sovereign nation, its interest in continued involvement with the Task Force and West Valley site issues, and desire for the CTF to have more impact.
- ▶ CTF and NYSERDA reaffirm need and preference for Task Force to retain its independence and credibility. Discussed future structure change options.
- ▶ CTF members discussed options for more aggressive methods to exercise influence over issues/decisions related to site cleanup and closure - which could include public relations campaigns, more interaction with the press, legal processes, work with state and federal legislative bodies, etc.

- ▶ CTF members discussed the need for funding for CTF information gathering activities and their desire for an independent source of information. An independent technical consultant would help the CTF remain credible and independent.
- ▶ The idea of possible future federal ownership of the site and whether the CTF supports this idea.

**Action Items**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Due Date (2002)</b>
NYSERDA to share its comments on the DOE accelerated cleanup proposals with the CTF.	NYSERDA	April 30
Prepare summary of CTF caucus and distribute at 5/7 CTF meeting.	M. Holland	May 7