

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Melinda Holland, Facilitator  
Subject: Summary of April 7, 2004, Agenda Work Group Conference Call  
Date: April 19, 2004

If you have questions or comments about this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (828) 894-5963, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

### **Attendees**

*Attending were:* Joe Patti, Lee Lambert, Ray Vaughan, T. J. Jackson, Dan Sullivan, John Chamberlain, and Tom Attridge.

### **Meeting Highlights**

Topics discussed during the meeting included:

- < Topics for future meetings; and
- < Revisions to the CTF 2004 Work Plan.

### **Meeting Summary**

The Agenda Work Group began the call by suggesting that the April 21 CTF meeting include a discussion by representatives of the Towns of Ashford and Concord and other CTF members about concerns related to the Southern Tier West (STW) Redevelopment Studies. A Task Force member noted that the CTF needs to understand the Town's concerns but the community also needs a redevelopment strategy. The Work Group suggested that the STW consultant participate in the June CTF meeting. Another Task Force member suggested that on April 21 the CTF should draft a thank-you letter to Representative Amo Houghton who has recently announced his retirement.

Melinda Holland reviewed the possible meeting topics which have been discussed in the past, including:

- < legislation;
- < future site use, redevelopment, and meet with the STW Consultant;
- < long-term stewardship;
- < Institutional controls;
- < Erosion;
- < Seismic study results;
- < Economic impacts on community & region;
- < Risk analysis;
- < Cost-benefit analysis;
- < Tank removal technology;
- < New WVDP site contract related;
- < Closure engineering reports;
- < Characterization Reports;
- < Discuss decommissioning plans by Waste Management Area (WMA); and
- < Use of mediation, arbitration, and legal remedies to resolve impasse between NYSERDA and DOE.

### *Discussion on 2004 CTF Work Plan*

A Task Force member suggested that at some point the CTF should go through each Waste Management Area (WMA) to review the proposed decommissioning approach and possible future use for that area. If

the Task Force disagrees with the proposed decommissioning approach it should develop comments and investigate other alternatives for those WMAs. He also noted that the CTF should look at how the proposed decommissioning of one WMA may affect others. For example he believes that if wastes are to be left in the State-Licensed Disposal Area (SDA) or the NRC-Licensed Disposal Area (NDA) that it may not make sense to do a 100% cleanup of the remainder of the site. CTF participants agreed that their highest priority WMAs are the High-Level Tanks, SDA, NDA, and the Process Building, thus those WMAs should be addressed first.

A DOE representative explained that the Closure Engineering Reports (CER) and other components of the Decommissioning Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will not be available in the next few months. However, the Decommissioning Plan development process will be ripe for CTF discussion over the next few months. NRC has been clear that they want a good deal of public involvement on the development of the Decommissioning Plan. He noted that DOE is developing their proposed public involvement process now and can give an overview of DOE's plans for gathering public input at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting. A WVNSCO representative stated that the majority of the public involvement activities will occur this summer, however, the draft Decommissioning Plan will not be available until sometime in 2005. NRC will do its own public involvement process on the draft plan. Task Force members expressed concern about the need for adequate information on contamination levels, risk, and other technical issues to be provided to the public before they are asked to provide input into the Decommissioning Plan development. Without this information the public cannot provide meaningful input.

A DOE representative stated that the Tank Farm Characterization Report should be available for discussion at the July 21<sup>st</sup> CTF meeting. DOE's procurement activities for selection of a new site contractor will not be ripe for discussion until the fall. In response to a CTF member question, DOE explained that there has been no change in DOE's preferred alternative for the site.

Proposed topics for upcoming CTF meetings include:

<b>May</b>	Decommissioning Plan Overview; review of DOE's plans for public involvement in Decommissioning Plan development;
<b>June</b>	Future site reuse & STW Consultant;
<b>July</b>	HLW Tank Characterization Reports;
<b>August</b>	CTF discussion on HLW Tanks;
<b>September</b>	TBD;
<b>October</b>	Site procurement process; and
<b>November</b>	Erosion modeling; seismic study update.

The schedule for the rest of 2004 is to be determined.

Action Items

Action	Assigned to	Due Date
Update 2004 CTF work plan	Holland	4/21/04