

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Melinda Holland, Task Force Facilitator  
Date: April 23, 2007  
Subject: **Summary of the April 17, 2007, CTF Agenda Work Group Conference Call**

If you have questions or comments regarding this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (828) 894-5963, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-9960, ext. 2453.

### **CTF Attendees**

Attending were: Lee Lambert, Bryan Bower, Joe Patti, Paul Piciulo, Ray Vaughan, Warren Schmidt, Steve Kowalski, John Chamberlain, Sonja Allen, and Bill King.

### **Meeting Highlights**

The Agenda Work Group conference call began with Melinda Holland reviewing the list of 2007 goals previously developed by the Task Force. A participant requested that the CTF be sent copies of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Policy Statement and the Task Force comments on that document in preparation for NRC's presentation at the April 25<sup>th</sup> CTF meeting.

Topics suggested by the Work Group participants for future CTF meetings include:

#### **May 23, 2007**

- Discussion with Judith Enck, NYS Deputy Secretary for the Environment, regarding the proposed West Valley Remediation Act;
- Update on the Core Team process.

#### **June 27, 2007**

- Discuss CTF process for development of community educational alerts;
- Discuss how the Press Release Work Group process is working;
- Update on the Core Team process.

#### **July 25, 2007**

- Core Team members participate in CTF meeting;
- EPA Region II presentation (if available).

Paul Piciulo, NYSERDA, noted that Judith Enck, NYS Deputy Secretary for the Environment, will meet with the CTF via conference call at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting regarding the proposed West Valley Remediation Act. A work group member also suggested having Tom Carpenter (Regional Representative for Governor Spitzer) join Judith Enck at this meeting.

Conference call Participants suggested that the CTF be given presentations on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) sub-topics as drafts become available to allow the Task Force to provide feedback on EIS components prior to the final draft. Site representatives agreed to look at what EIS components might be ripe for discussion and get back to the Work Group. Participants expressed interest in receiving a presentation on erosion modeling from Greg Tucker, perhaps preceded by an overview of the erosion modeling process. A Work Group member also suggested that the CTF make a request to the Core Team to consider how climate change and

related assumptions are used in erosion modeling.

Work Group members stated a continued interest in hearing from EPA Region II regarding their past recommendations for cleanup of the North Plateau facilities. Paul Piciulo agreed to follow up on scheduling this presentation for this summer. Another participant noted that the CTF 2007 goal - “alert and educate the public” received the most votes in the CTF goals prioritization process. He further suggested that the Task Force spend time at the June meeting developing outreach processes such as fact sheets, statements on current issues, electronic newsletters, etc. to improve the CTF’s ability to alert and educate the public. The participant also noted that the June meeting would be a good time to hear from the Press Release Work Group members on how their process for developing press releases is working thus far.

A work group member also requested further information about the proposed capping of the NRC-Licensed Disposal Area (NDA), and Bryan Bower, DOE noted that an update on this will be provided at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. A work group member asked how the CTF could help assure adequate future budget levels for the site, another participant noted that this may be outside the scope of the CTF’s mission, but that it is an issue of concern.

Ms. Holland noted that the Seneca Nation of Indians presentation has been delayed until further notice by the Seneca.

**Action Items**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Provide advance copies of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) Policy Statement and the Task Force comments on that document.	M. Holland	04/23/07
Determine a date for the EPA Region II presentation to the CTF	P. Piciulo	04/25/07
Inquire if Tom Carpenter (Regional Representative for Governor Spitzer) could join Judith Enck at the May 23 <sup>rd</sup> CTF meeting	P. Piciulo	4/25/07
Review what EIS components might be ripe for future CTF discussion and get back to the Work Group	DOE & NYSERDA	When available
Schedule a presentation on erosion modeling from Greg Tucker	DOE	Summer 2007
Schedule a presentation from EPA Region II regarding their recommendations for cleanup of the North Plateau facilities	P. Piciulo	04/25/07