

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Bill Logue and Cindy Cook, Citizen Task Force Facilitators
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Subject: **Summary of the February 26, 2008 Conference Call of the Agenda Work Group**

Agenda Work Group Conference Call Participants

The following individuals participated in the Agenda Work Group Conference Call: Sonja Allen, Tom Attridge, Paul Bembia, John Chamberlain, Judy Einach, Chris Gerwitz, Steve Kowalski, Lee Lambert, Joe Patti, Chris Pawenski, and Ray Vaughan.

Summary of the Call

Prior to the call the facilitators asked each CTF member about their ideas concerning the primary issues to be addressed over the coming months, what information is needed to prepare to review the draft EIS, and what information they feel is important for the public to know in anticipation of the public comment period. The responses were compiled and sent to call participants (prior to the call) and reviewed and discussed at the outset of the call. The ideas are grouped into several categories, namely:

- **Understanding of the regulatory context.** Understanding of the regulatory processes (e.g., National Environmental Policy Act/State Environmental Quality Review Act, West Valley Policy Statement and the License Termination Rule, Resource Conservation Recovery Act, etc.), how they interrelate during the EIS and Decommissioning Plan processes, and the role of the CTF and public participation within those processes. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has offered to make a presentation to the CTF in April or May concerning their regulatory programs.
- **Core Team/CTF interactions.** Developing a process for ongoing interaction with the Core Team.
- **Issues concerning the “30-year” ongoing assessment period.** Several suggestions were made, including: how to ensure that the commitment to revisit would be adhered to; developing a process for site monitoring, monitoring for changed conditions during the 30 year period, and communicating changes to the public; developing a mechanism for the CTF or a similar entity to reopen the issues for discussion during the proposed 30-year period if needed.
- **Cleanup-related issues.** Several suggestions were made including: understanding the steps, technical issues and worker/public safety related to removing the Main Plant Processing Building; the process for remediation of the North Plateau Sr-90 Ground Water Plume; more detailed information on logistical and other implications of the Core Team Preferred Alternative; understanding what will be done in the near-term to better understand the viability of and prepare for ultimate exhumation of the SDA, NDA and high level waste tanks.
- **Erosion.** Receiving answers on underlying assumptions and parameters of the erosion models that will be used in the EIS process.
- **Monitoring.** Information on current and future monitoring, especially as it relates to the Lavery Till/Kent Recessional geological units, and Construction Demolition Debris Landfill. (Much of this may be addressed during the February CTF meeting.)

- **Future Site Uses.** Exploring options for future uses of portions of the Center.

General Issues

Work group participants suggested that more time be allocated at future meetings for discussion and that the CTF might receive an overview of a topic at one meeting with the opportunity to request more detailed information at a subsequent meeting. Consequently, agendas for future meetings should not be fixed too far in advance.

Future Meeting Topics

March. After discussion, the group recommended that the March meeting be devoted to a broad regulatory overview. One suggested approach was to develop a matrix of where various regulations apply on the site and understanding how the regulations act as mechanisms to ensure that human health and the environment are protected. NYSERDA agreed to revise a presentation that was given to the CTF on this topic and present it at the next meeting. If CTF members feel that additional information is needed, then the appropriate regulatory agency will be invited to provide additional detail.

Future Meetings. The plume remediation strategy and the relationship of the plume to the Construction Demolition Debris Landfill (CDDL) were suggested as a near-term meeting agenda item. It was suggested that one meeting annually address site reuse plans and progress, especially the release from license of the bulk storage warehouse and some associated land for commercial use. It was suggested that CTF members receive another copy of the NRC paper on partial site release. Participants were also interested in the steps associated with demolition of the MPPB and if any lessons could be drawn from experience with similar sized buildings at other sites.

After discussion, the group agreed to recommend the plume remediation strategy and the plume relationship to the CDDL as a tentative topic for the April meeting.