

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator  
Date: December 6, 2008  
Subject: **Summary of the November 19, 2008 Meeting**

## Next Meeting

The next Citizen Task Force Meeting will be held as follows:

Time & Date: **7:00 – 9:30 PM, December 17, 2008**  
Location: Ashford Office Complex  
9030 Route 219  
West Valley, NY

Note: All participants must be United States citizens and must bring photo identification. If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this summary, please contact Bill Logue (860-521-9122, [bill@loguegroup.com](mailto:bill@loguegroup.com)).

## CTF Participants

**CTF Members and Alternates attending:** Mike Brisky, Chris Crawford, Judy Einach, Chris Gerwitz, Mike Hutchinson, Paul Kranz, Lee Lambert, Anthony Memmo, John Pfeffer, Pete Scherer, Warren Schmidt, Tim Siepel, Bill Snyder, Ray Vaughan.

## Agency Participants and Observers

*Department of Energy (DOE):* Bryan Bower.

*New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA):* Tom Attridge, Paul Bembia, John Kelly.

*West Valley Environmental Services, LLC (WVES):* Ken Alkema, Sonja Allen, John Chamberlain, Steve Warren.

*Observers:* Natalie Condor-Smith (Springville Journal), Joanne Hameister, Kathy McGoldrick (CTF Alternate).

## Introductions and Announcements

Bill Logue welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda and meeting documents.<sup>1</sup> Bryan Bower of DOE advised the CTF that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) would be released between November 24 and December 5 and that the Decommissioning Plan would be sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on December 5. He also noted that that the cap on the NRC-licensed Disposal Area was installed and that remaining punch list items were being addressed. Tom Attridge of NYSERDA informed the CTF that 13 samples were taken for testing on the opening weekend of the deer hunting gun season at the site. As part of the site environmental monitoring program, three samples are taken for analysis, but NYSERDA is conducting additional analyses this year.

## Letter to DOE and NRC

The CTF reviewed, approved and signed a letter to DOE and NRC expressing dissatisfaction with the level of public participation in development of the Decommissioning Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> The documents are listed at the end of this summary and may be found at [www.westvalleyctf.org](http://www.westvalleyctf.org)

## Full Cost Accounting Study

The CTF confirmed that they would like to receive a presentation at the January 28, 2009 meeting on the results of the Full Cost Accounting Study sponsored by the Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes, the Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, and the Center for Health, Environment and Justice. The Study will be released on December 2. Bill Logue will email a copy of the executive summary when he receives a copy.

## Summary of 2008 Accomplishments

Because the December meeting will be focused on the DEIS, the CTF reviewed a draft of 2008 accomplishments. Minor corrections were noted. The final surveys will be gathered and the November meeting added, thereafter it will be revised and included with the materials for the meeting.

## CTF Discussion on Preparation for the Comment Period

Bill Logue made a brief presentation reviewing what the CTF has heard during the year concerning the schedule, DEIS/Preferred Alternative and the Decommissioning Plan. He noted the sections and chapters that the agencies believe would be of greatest interest to CTF members. He reviewed several options for organizing themselves to review the DEIS and options for dividing the document, based on currently available information, into manageable pieces to review. He also posed a number of questions for discussion.

CTF members engaged in a wide ranging discussion during which the following points were made:

- The need to build into their work the time and methods for outreach to constituent groups.
- The benefits and drawbacks of approaching the DEIS by:
  - Chapter/appendix
  - Topical area
  - Phase 1 decisions and Phase 2 decisions
- The frequency of meetings and the possibility of breaking out into Work Groups depending on the method of approaching the document. Some members may be interested in technical details while others will want to review the document at a high level.
- In conclusion, the CTF requested that DOE and NYSERDA present for 2 hours at the December meeting on the results of the DEIS, including the findings and supporting information, and where differences remained between the two agencies. Mr. Bower and Mr. Bembia noted that the agencies are in full agreement on the Phase 1 aspects of the Preferred Alternative and that they differ on the Phase 2 modeling concerning the close-in-place alternative. The CTF will use the remainder of the December meeting to make decisions on how to organize for meetings during January and February. **The CTF scheduled the following meetings: January 14 and 28 and February 10 and 25.**

## Other Business

- John Pfeffer was asked to invite Congressman-Elect Eric Massa to send an observer to CTF meetings and to advise the CTF of a contact person in his office.
- Paul Bembia noted that the state budget issues have not, as of this time, impacted work on the project. NYSERDA staff has been requested to curtail travel whenever possible.

## Observer Comments

There were no observer comments.

## Action Items

Action	Assigned To	Due Date
Confirm Presentation of Full Cost Accounting Study	Logue	11/25/08
Finalize 2008 Accomplishments and distribute with meeting materials	Logue	ASAP
Complete assembly of the final evaluation surveys for 2008 and distribute the results to CTF members	Logue	ASAP

## Documents Distributed

Document Description	Generated by; Date
Agenda	Logue; 11/19/2008
Letter to DOE/NRC on decommissioning plan public involvement	CTF; 11/19/2008
Draft Schedule of 2009 CTF meetings	Logue; 11/19/2008
Summary of 2008 CTF Accomplishments	Logue; 11/19/2008
Compilation of News Articles	NYSERDA; 11/19/2008