

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator
Date: October 18, 2010
Subject: **Summary of the September 22, 2010 Meeting**

Next Meeting

The next Citizen Task Force Meeting will be:

Time & Date: **6:30 – 9:00 PM, November 17, 2010**
Location: Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219
West Valley, NY

Note: Participants must be U.S. citizens and have photo identification. Please contact Bill Logue (860-521-9122, Bill@LogueGroup.com) with questions or comments concerning this summary or future meetings.

CTF Members and Alternates Attending

Rob Dallas, Judy Einach, Gladys Gifford, Mike Hutchinson, Lee Lambert (via telephone), Paul Kranz, Anthony Memmo, Joe Patti, Warren Schmidt, Eric Wohlers.

Agency Participants and Observers

Department of Energy (DOE): Bryan Bower.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA): Tom Attridge, Paul Bembia, Andrea Mellon.

West Valley Environmental Services, LLC (WVES): Sonja Allen, John Chamberlain.

Observers: Terry Dunford, Christopher Fahey, Shannon Farrell, Alvin Gifford, Jeff Neff, Elizabeth O'Neill, Bill Schaab, Barbara Warren (via telephone).

Introductions and Announcements

Bill Logue welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting documents.¹

DOE Draft Phase 1 Decommissioning – Facilities Disposition Contract

Bryan Bower of DOE presented an overview of the Draft Phase 1 Decommissioning - Facilities Disposition Contract.

Scope. The scope of the contract includes the facilities disposition portion of Phase 1 but not the soil remediation portions. The contractor is responsible for the methods of accomplishing the work. Among the activities are:

- Project management and support services
 - Environmental and other safety, quality assurance, engineering, business administration, support to other DOE contractors.
- Site operations, maintenance, and utilities
 - Maintain and repair facilities, laboratories, reservoirs, dams, roads, etc. Bring facilities to cold and dark state for demolition/disposition.
- Permeable Treatment Wall (PTW) management
 - Including soil capture, dewatering, treatment and monitoring of PTW.

¹ The documents are listed at the end of this summary and may be found at www.westvalleyctf.org

- High-Level Waste (HLW) canister relocation
 - Relocate 275 HLW canisters, 2 evacuated canisters, spent fuel debris from Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) to new Interim Canister Storage Facility. Dry cask systems will be used to store canisters.
- Facility disposition
 - Demolition & removal of MPPB (to ground level; the below grade areas and soils removal are part of a future contract) and Vitrification Facility, other site facility removal and decommissioning (various support buildings, structures and sheds). Resulting waste will be characterized and disposed of for wastes with a disposal pathway. The method of demolition may affect the nature and volume of waste (e.g., rubble/cement vs. cutting/slicing most contaminated cement out).
 - LLW Treatment System Operations to support water management; including evaluation and stabilization of Lagoon 3 embankment.
 - The Remote Handled Waste Facility will be maintained and operable until all waste has been processed and shipped.
- Waste Tank Farm management
 - Operate, inspect & repair systems including tank and vault drying system, remove various elements and structures, eliminate/control water infiltration. Characterize Tank 8D-4 contents – there was a plan to remove contaminated liquids thought to contain 14,000 curies of radiation but it was not found in the liquid so a new plan will be developed.
- NRC-Licensed Disposal Area (NDA) management
 - Inspect, monitor erosion, remove liquid pretreatment system (installed to remove organic compounds but never used), armor and protect NDA North Slope in concert with NYSERDA work on State-Licensed Disposal Area (SDA).
- Waste management and nuclear materials disposition
 - Low-Level Waste (LLW), mixed LLW, legacy waste and newly generated waste. This will include characterization, processing, packaging and shipping for disposal of existing and newly generated waste or storage of orphan waste on site as appropriate. Transuranic (TRU) waste will be packaged to Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Waste Acceptance Criteria (WIPP-WAC). This criteria requires all waste packaging process to be video and audio taped.
- Safeguards and security
 - Ensure protection against unauthorized access, espionage, loss/theft, hostile acts; maintain security clearances and control access; maintain cyber-security.

During the presentation Mr. Bower noted that the pump from Tank 8D-4 had been removed and size reduced in-situ. The process may provide valuable lessons and experience for removal of the waste transfer pumps at a later date.

Type and Performance Period. The contract is a Cost-Plus-Award-Fee to start July 1, 2011 and last up to 7 years. The contractor will propose the work method and timeline. There are performance based incentives, incentives for sharing in savings and cost sharing for work due to the unknown risks associated with the

contract work. The current baseline projected budget is for \$60 million/year. The "H-clauses" address small business issues. Mr. Bower indicated he would provide information if there are HUBZone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) clauses applicable to the contract. Mr. Bower identified sections of the contract of possible interest to the CTF regarding key personnel replacement; workforce transition and employee hiring preferences; employee compensation – pay and benefits; project control systems and reporting requirements; performance guarantee and responsible corporate official; and mentor protégé program.

Timeline. Comments on the draft were due September 22. Some or all may be considered and a final RFP will be prepared and issued on an unrestricted basis. After award there will be a 60-day transition period.

Discussion. CTF members discussed concerns with the budget associated with the work contemplated in the contract work given the level of funding in the past and projected cost estimate of \$1 billion in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The CTF decided that a letter to DOE concerning the FY 2012 budget submission to the President should be drafted.

For FY 2011, continuing budget resolutions are likely given that it is an election year and limited movement on the budget to date. If additional funding is not added to the President's budget there could be reductions in work force because there are 65 workers hired under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding which will expire. A member suggested that DOE explore whether additional funding might be available under the Next Generation Jobs Bill.

During discussion a members asked about the estimated volume of water to be extracted and treated from the PTW excavated soils. Following the meeting WVES provided information indicating that the total water expected to drain from the soil excavated for PTW installation is in the range of 100,000 gallons. For comparison, in 2009 the WVDP treated approximately 12 million gallons of radioactively contaminated water. Approximately 3.6 million gallons came from the North Plateau pump and treat system.

Update NYSERDA and DOE Proposed Phase 1 Studies Process

Mr. Bower and Mr. Bembia informed the CTF that the infrastructure was being put in place for the Phase 1 Studies process. A facilitator is being engaged for regular meetings of the experts and public participation. Attorneys for the agencies are negotiating a mechanism for equal cost sharing to remove potential bias and for a supplemental cooperative agreement.

CTF Discussion Concerning Membership

Bill Logue noted that three vacancies were created this year through the passing of Pete Scherer and resignations of Tim Siepel and Joe Atkinson. He reviewed the history of the formation of the CTF, increases in membership and the membership addition process. Warren Schmidt noted that on November 2 he would no longer be representing the 29th District with the election of a new US Representative for the District. The new Representative may or may not want to appoint a member. He noted that, if that occurs, Representative Higgins of the 27th District may wish to appoint a CTF member. The group agreed that approaching both US Senators to determine if they wish to appoint CTF representatives was worth

undertaking. A letter will be drafted inviting the Senators and 29th District Representative to appoint CTF members to represent them. The letter will be sent after the November election. The group agreed that seeking a representative with medical expertise is worth exploring and approaching Bertrand Chaffee Hospital should be explored.

Observer Comments

There were no observer comments.

Action Items

Action	Who; Date
Determine whether contract includes HUBZone clauses	DOE; 10/15/2010
Draft letter to DOE concerning Phase 1 Budget	Lambert, Kranz, Patti, Logue; 10/14/2010
Draft letter to US Senators and US Representative for 29 th Congressional District	Lambert, Patti, Logue; 10/27/2010

Documents Distributed

Document Description	Generated by; Date
Meeting Agenda	Logue; 9/22/2010
DOE Draft Phase 1 Decommissioning – Facilities Disposition Contract	DOE; 9/22/2010
Letter from Citizen’s Environmental Coalition, et al Re Phase 1 Studies Process	CEC; 9/13/2010
Newspaper clippings distributed at the meeting	NYSERDA; 9/22/10