

**To:** Citizen Task Force  
**From:** Melinda Holland, Clean Sites  
**Subject:** Summary of June 17, 1997 Meeting

**Date:** June 25, 1997

**Next Meeting:**

The next Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting will be on:

**Date:** Wednesday, July 2, 1997  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Ashford Office Complex  
9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY

If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (864) 457-4202, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

**Task Force Attendees:**

Attending were: Pete Scherer, Joe Patti, Larry Smith, Ray Vaughan, Nevella McNeil, Tim Sipel, John Pfeffer, Elaine Belt, Rich Tobe, Bill King, Blake Reeves, Eric Wohlers, Warren Schmidt, Pete Cooney. Not attending were: Lana Rosler and Dick Timm. Paul Piciulo and Tom Rowland did not attend as this was a CTF member-only caucus.

**June 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary:**

As announced in the May 20<sup>th</sup> CTF meeting summary, the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was a caucus session with only CTF members attending. The Task Force members present at the meeting discussed a number of issues including the North Plateau groundwater plume. The CTF is still concerned about the status of the plume and drafted a memorandum to DOE and NYSERDA expressing their concerns and requesting additional information. They also spent time brainstorming about what values or decision factors regarding site cleanup are important to them as individuals. To keep the public informed about the Task Force's progress during this caucus, the CTF requested that this summary include the items listed below, the brainstorming and a copy of the memorandum to DOE and NYSERDA.

## Values and Potential Decision Factors

Note that the following list only represents the values and factors which were listed by individual CTF members during brainstorming; it does not represent consensus or agreement by the CTF on these values. The statements came from different individuals and may not be consistent.

- ◆ Wastes may remain on site for a long time; if so, stabilize the wastes in a manner suitable for the long term and employ on-going maintenance
- ◆ Referenced the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), supporting the wastes leaving here.
- ◆ A high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain (or elsewhere) is not likely to be operational for a long time; how to store wastes safely over the interim is key
- ◆ Economic impacts on the local community is important; site has had a negative impact on the community; now the community deserves some reward

*Values and Potential Decision Factors (continued)*

- ◆ Cost per alternative compared with jobs created
- ◆ Impact of federal/state/political processes
- ◆ Long-term reduction of risk
- ◆ Keep DOE at the site
- ◆ Stabilize in retrievable containers all unstable waste
- ◆ Compare long-term risks to short-term implementation risks
- ◆ Spend available money on clean up of the most unstable waste
- ◆ Provide a whole site inventory of volumes, nature of wastes, radioactivity levels isotopes  
- on spreadsheet or other easy to use format
- ◆ In a future meeting, include agenda time to further discuss the CTF's concerns about the North Plateau groundwater plume
- ◆ Provide opportunity for discussion of the PEIS and the June 1997 document  
"Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2005" at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- ◆ Speed up presentation of information on remaining Waste Management Areas, if possible.

