

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
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Subject: Summary of the November 10, 2003, Agenda Work Group Conference Call  
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### **Work Group Attendees**

Attending were: Leonore Lambert, Ray Vaughan, T. J. Jackson, Colleen Gerwitz, Sonja Allen, and John Chamberlain.

### **Meeting Highlights**

- ▶ Development of a first draft 2004 CTF Work Plan;
- ▶ Discussion of impact of DOE's proposed preferred alternative on the CTF schedule

### **Meeting Summary**

The Agenda Work Group conference call primary focus was on developing a draft 2004 CTF Work Plan for consideration, discussion, and adoption by the full Task Force at its January 2004 Annual Meeting. Melinda Holland distributed the draft 2004 Work Plan topics which had been prepared by DOE in 2002 as a starting point for the discussion. In discussing the proposed topics on that prior draft with site representatives, Work Group members discovered that many of those topics were rendered moot by DOE's new preferred alternative approach as revealed to the CTF at its October 21, 2003 meeting. Site representatives explained that the new preferred alternative approach proposes to remove larger volumes of contamination from some areas of the site such as the Vitrification Cell and the Main Plant. This new approach will necessitate revision of the Characterization Reports, Performance Assessments, etc. for those areas to reflect the reduction in contamination remaining and the change in the overall approach to decommissioning the site. It will be some time before these revised studies are done, so the Agenda Work Group agreed to remove those topics from the 2004 Work Plan.

Also due to the recently announced DOE preferred alternative, DOE is in the process of revising plans and schedules for studies, deliverables, etc. Thus at this time, site representatives cannot predict what topics will be ready for presentation to the CTF in the second half of 2004. Due to that fact, the Agenda Work Group members agreed to only propose monthly topics for the first six months of the year, and to list potential topics for the remainder of the year. The Work Plan may need to be a work-in-progress during the early part of 2004 as this information is developed and shared with the CTF. The draft 2004 CTF Work Plan attached to this summary reflects that approach.

The Work Group members agreed that one of their goals for the next year would be to focus on topics which could help jump-start progress on resolution of issues between DOE and NYSERDA. Towards that goal, a Work Group member suggested that one or two CTF meetings be focused on exploring the use of mediation, arbitration, legislative, and legal remedies to resolve areas of disagreement between DOE and NYSERDA and/or between the public and the site.

During the conference call participants noted that there is a need for additional discussion between the CTF and site representatives to develop a better understanding the details and impacts of DOE and NYSERDA's proposed preferred alternatives. This discussion was proposed for the February CTF meeting and would also focus on comparing the CTF's Recommendations Report to the preferred

alternatives. A CTF member suggested that Task Force members develop a “white paper” which outlines the key suggestions from the Recommendations Report for use in comparison with the preferred alternatives.

Work Group members agreed that it would be useful to have a conceptual discussion of unrestricted site release closure and partial site release with restrictions/without restrictions closure in 2004. They also recommended at least one meeting to focus on future use of the site, based on the increased importance of factoring in the communities preferences on future use during the Risk-Based End States evaluation process.

Work Group members encourage all CTF members to propose topics for the 2004 Work Plan.

### **2004 - Draft CTF Work Plan Topics**

**January** CTF annual meeting

**February** Further discussion/clarification of DOE/NYSERDA Preferred Alternatives and comparison to CTF Recommendations Report

**March** Conceptual overview of unrestricted site release closure and partial site release with restrictions/without restrictions closure

**April** Future site use/end states (how they drive or depend on closure options)

**May** Mediation/arbitration as tool to resolve decommissioning disagreements (between DOE, NYSERDA, CTF/public)—(an overview of how it would work, how useful it might be); Law (legislation and litigation) as a tool to resolve decommissioning disagreements

**Other possible topics** (not listed in order of preference or schedule):

- ▶ Ongoing interaction with Western NY Congressional Delegation;
- ▶ Seismic study update results (when available);
- ▶ Erosion;
- ▶ Discuss benefits of membership in the non-profit organization Energy Communities Alliance;
- ▶ HLW tank farm characterization report results (when available).