

To: Citizen Task Force
From: Melinda Holland, Clean Sites
Subject: Summary of the December 16, 1999 Task Force Conference Call
Date: December 20, 1999

NOTE: NRC's public meeting on the Draft Policy Statement for West Valley will be held:

Date: January 5, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Location: Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY

Please plan to attend the public meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting is scheduled for:

Date: February 15, 2000
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY

A meeting announcement and draft agenda for the next meeting will be circulated prior to that meeting. If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this conference call summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (864) 457-4202 or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

CTF Conference Call Attendees:

Attending were: Ray Vaughan, Barbara Mazurowski, Lee Lambert, Paul Piciulo, Rich Tobe, Pete Scherer, and Bill King. Not attending were: Tim Siepel, Pete Cooney, Nevella McNeil, John Pfeffer, Larry Smith, Lana Redeye, Murray Regan, Warren Schmidt, Bridget Wilson, Eric Wohlers and Joe Patti. Attending the first part of the conference call were Jack Parrott and Chip Cameron of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

December 16th Conference Call Summary:

Melinda Holland, began the conference call by reviewing the agenda. The primary focus for this call was to discuss the upcoming NRC Public Meeting (January 5th) and the CTF's draft comments on NRC's draft Policy Statement for the West Valley site.

NRC Public Meeting on January 5, 2000

Chip Cameron, NRC's Special Counsel for Public Liaison, explained NRC's objectives for the public meeting as describing NRC's intent for the draft policy statement, to answer questions and encourage discussion, and to receive verbal comments from the public. Mr. Cameron indicated that he will be facilitating the public meeting and that the meeting will be transcribed and verbal comments will be treated in the same manner as written comments. Mr. Cameron said that the written comments may be submitted at the public meeting or later as the deadline for submitting written comments is February 1, 2000.

NRC's draft agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. **Introductions**
 - Chip Cameron (facilitator) will review of meeting agenda, ground rules, and process.
 - II. **Policy Statement Overview**
 - Jack Parrot will give a brief overview of the draft Policy Statement and the License Termination Rule (LTR).
 - discussion and question/answer.
 - III. **Issues Discussion**
 - presentation and open discussion of major issues associated with NRC's draft Policy Statement.
 - Issues identified include (but will not be limited to):
 - a. institution controls/engineered barriers;
 - b. incidental waste;
 - c. partial site release;
 - d. fulfillment of NRC's NEPA responsibilities; and
 - e. other.
 - IV. **Formal Public Comments**
 - individuals invited to provide verbal comments.
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CTF participants on the call suggested that additional major issues could include:

- ◆ the definition of "alternative criteria";
- ◆ aggregation of doses for purposes of LTR analysis; and
- ◆ paraphrasing of the LTR and the CTF's recommendations report.

In response to a CTF members question, Mr. Cameron responded that NRC was open to CTF member informal discussion/comments as well as more formal comments read into the record at the end of the meeting. CTF members noted that the discussions earlier in the meeting might make it advisable to revise the CTF's formal comments, but that would need to be done in writing after the meeting to allow an opportunity for the CTF members to reach consensus on the

revisions.

Mr. Cameron then explained that he would be contacting various groups and individuals who might participate in the public meeting and asked the CTF for recommendations on additional groups to contact. CTF members recommended that he contact those who had submitted comments or testimony to the NRC during this process prior to its public meeting last January, including:

- ◆ the NYS Attorney General's Office;
- ◆ Carol Mongerson of the West Valley Coalition on Nuclear Wastes;
- ◆ State Assemblyman Sam Hoyt;
- ◆ Gladys Gifford of the Presbytery of Western New York; and
- ◆ Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

NRC explained that it will run advertisements for the public meeting in local newspapers and also mail an announcement to identified stakeholders. West Valley site representatives said they would provide the site's stakeholder mailing list to NRC for this purpose. A CTF member also suggested that NRC issue a press release a few days before the meeting.

If anyone has a question about the public meeting, please call Chip Cameron, NRC, at 301-415-1642.

CTF Comments on NRC Policy Statement

After the NRC representatives left the conference call, the CTF reviewed and revised the draft comments that were initially prepared by Rich Tobe. Changes to the draft were agreed to by all participants on the call and made to the document by Tom Attridge (working on his computer). The revised draft is attached to this summary with changes indicated by red-line and strike-out.

Next, the participants discussed who would present the CTF's comments at the public meeting. Rich Tobe will be out of state and unable to attend the meeting. Joe Patti, Eric Wohlers, and Lee Lambert were suggested as possible presenters. All CTF members were encouraged to attend and participate in the public meeting.

If you have any concerns, comments, or edits to the attached revised draft CTF comments on the Draft Policy Statement please forward them to Tom Attridge no later than **December 29th** (fax - 942-2148/E-mail - tha@nyscrda.org) **If comments are not received by that date, the draft will be considered as a consensus document for the CTF.** If comments/concerns are received, which necessitate CTF discussion/agreement, we will hold another conference call on January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. A notice of that call will be sent, if necessary. If the CTF members present at the January 5th public meeting feel that the CTF's written comments need to be revised based on the information obtained at the meeting, we will schedule an additional conference call.

