

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Melinda Holland, Task Force Facilitator
Subject: Summary of May 7, 2002, CTF Caucus Session
Date: June 10, 2002

At the Citizen Task Force meeting held on May 7, Jim Little, President of WVNSCO, requested a caucus session with CTF members, as provided for in the CTF Ground Rules Section V.[C], which states that “A participant can request a caucus at any time during a meeting.” This summary has been prepared in accordance with Section IV.[A] of the CTF Ground Rules which provides that “A brief summary of the deliberations of any closed session must be prepared and made available within a reasonable time.” If you have questions or comments regarding about this summary, please contact Melinda Holland, Task Force Facilitator at (864) 457-4202 or mholland@piedmont.net.

CTF Caucus Attendees

Attending were: John Beltz, Gayla Gray (for Lana Redeye), Bill King, Lee Lambert, Mark Mitskovski (for Larry Rubin), Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Pete Scherer, Warren Schmidt, Tim Siepel, Ray Vaughan, Eric Wohlens, Jim Little, and Melinda Holland.

Caucus Summary

During the caucus, CTF members and Mr Little discussed:

- ▶ *Overview of Jim Little's remarks* - WVNSCO's accelerated cleanup proposal was made as part of the company's proposal for a contract extension, thus it is proprietary and is not publicly available until the contract extension has been approved. He hopes to have the plan available by July. Mr. Little also discussed recent Congressional activities related to DOE's accelerated cleanup funding proposals. He stated that WVNSCO has not taken a “side” in the negotiations between NYSERDA and DOE but hopes for a resolution before the '03 budget “hammer” provision shuts down work at the site. He explained the need to expedite construction of the remote handled waste facility which will enable wastes to be moved from the site. WVNSCO's goal is to keep site employment level at 500 people over time. Mr. Little also explained the history and activities of WVNSCO's parent corporation, The Washington Group, Inc.
- ▶ A Task Force member pointed out that the Coalition's Stipulation of Compromise would have to be addressed for off-site shipment of Class B and C wastes.
- ▶ Whether or not DOE has the authority to classify the residual waste in the tanks as “waste incidental to reprocessing” was discussed.
- ▶ The NRC process for granting exemptions was also discussed.

Action Items

Prepare summary of the May 7, 2002, CTF caucus and distribute at the June 11, 2002, CTF meeting. (Action assigned to Melinda Holland; due May 31, 2002.)