

Review: Ground Rule Objectives and 1998 Final Report

West Valley Citizen Task Force
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CTF Objectives — from Ground Rules

- Provide a forum for open discussion of related issues by community representatives;
- Identify and understand the various interests of the community and other interested parties;
- Increase the flow of information between DOE, NYSERDA and the Task Force Members (and their constituencies);
- Expand areas of agreement, clarify differences, and explore ways to establish mutually agreed upon recommendations among the Task Force Members;
- Enhance public involvement in the decision-making process; and
- Coordinate with regulators.

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Supplemental Public Involvement for Comments and Recommendations on:

- ✓ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Decontamination and Waste Management;
- DEIS for Decommissioning including the development of the preferred alternative;
- ✓ NRC Policy Statement for Decontamination and Decommissioning;
- Long-Term Stewardship; and
- Future Land Use Options.
- (and other topics, if amended at request of Site Managers or CTF.)

1998 CTF Final Report

- Drafted to provide direction and advice on development of the preferred alternative.
- Expectations:
 - Comply with Policies, Priorities and Guidelines of the Report;
 - Presentation to the CTF and the public will include all supporting information;
 - Economic losses to the community will be offset, ameliorated or replaced; and
 - Continued active management and monitoring to prevent further contamination on the Site.

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CTF Polices & Priorities (1998 Report Section III)

1. Preferred alternative will protect human health & environment.
2. Recognition of concerns of Seneca Nation of Indians for protection and preservation of natural resources.
3. Based on information available in 1998, the Site is not suitable for the long term, permanent storage or disposal of long-lived radio-nuclides due to geologic conditions, weather and population density.
4. CTF acknowledges that site characterization is not complete, and is willing to reconsider #3 if new evidence comes to light.

CTF Polices & Priorities (1998 Report Section III)

5. CTF understands some waste will remain for some time but all decisions will be based on ultimate removal of wastes. No actions should be taken that make removal harder.
6. The logs and fuel rods will be removed as soon as possible.
7. The Site will be managed to prevent contamination of uncontaminated soils and materials.
8. Waste stored at the Site will be stored in a way that allows for monitoring to determine if wastes are leaking or migrating.

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CTF Polices & Priorities (1998 Report Section III)

9. Wastes stored at the Site in a way they can be retrieved if containment and/or packaging systems fails.
10. Wastes will be isolated from groundwater (even if higher risk associated with above ground storage).
11. Prefer all wastes excavated and stored so that they can monitored and retrieved. (This may not be possible in near term but preferred alternative will describe how and when.)
12. New structures will be able to withstand severe natural events.
13. Risks and costs of the Center's cleanup and monitoring will be borne, as much as possible, by our generation.

Polices & Priorities (1998 Report Section III)

14. Preferred alternative will comply with applicable laws.
15. Preferred alternative will not rely on man made structures over the long term.
16. Preferred alternative will restore Site to alternative use as much and as soon as possible.
17. Costs will not be a primary factor in development of the preferred alternative.
18. DOE will remain at site as long as WVDP defined wastes are at the Site. DOE will participate in funding and management for preferred alternative implementation.

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CTF Guidelines for Preferred Alternative

1. To maximum extent possible will achieve CTF's Policies and Priorities.
2. Will state applicable laws it is developed under, including WVDP Act.
3. Detail licensing issues and requirements; special variances; and if NRC policies on institutional controls can be achieved.
4. Detail the role of other state and federal agencies.
5. Detail extent of reliance on institutional controls and active maintenance and specific actions, e.g., human presence at the Site.

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6. Detail extent of reliance on structures and other engineered solutions.
7. Indicate when logs, rods, and vitrification materials will be removed. Storage until removal and who is responsible, the steps to ensure timely removal, and where the wastes will be stored until removal.
8. Detail how Site Managers will divide costs and responsibilities for implementation.
9. Provide a reliable method to assure long term funding.
10. Provide a reliable method of review and implementation to reopen issues and monitor success, with automatic and discretionary "trigger" if circumstances or technology change.

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11. Specify how emergency and immediate issues will be dealt with (e.g., the migration of the North Plateau Plume and other issues that require prompt attention). Specify who will hold decision making authority (with statutory basis) and how funds will be available.
12. Specify the extent to which local emergency response will be required in short and long term. If required, specify source of funding to acquire and maintain equipment and provide training.
13. Detail a comprehensive plan for addressing the North Plateau Ground Water Plume, including the source area.

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