

# **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site Specific Advisory Board Informal Meeting Minutes**

*January 15, 1998*

The January 15, 1998, Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) informal meeting took place in the Van Buren Room at the Executive Inn at 5:00 p.m.

The following board members were present: Nola Courtney, Edward Duff, Vicki Jones, Lynn Lane and Bill Tanner. Ex Officio members present were: Wayne Davis, Carl Froede, Jimmie Hodges, Tuss Taylor, and John Volpe. Facilitator Present: Steve Kay. Also present were: Todd Adams, Carlos Alvarado, Patricia Barnhill, Jeannie Brandstetter, Steve Davis, Teresa Fields, Shelley Hawkins, Dennis Hill, Richard Kuehn, Sam Leone, Ross Miller, and Greg Shaia.

Because the board did not have a quorum present, Steve Kay suggested that topics discussed during this meeting should serve as recommendations during the next meeting.

Administrative plans was the first item on the agenda. Bill Tanner presented the information he had developed to the board on meeting locations. All buildings presented were based on approximately 400 to 500 square feet. The first option was the Ritz Hotel. The cost was \$450 per month with utilities and janitorial services not included. The second option was the Katterjohn Building. The first-floor room was \$8.50 per square foot and the second-floor room was \$7.50 per square foot (on an annual lease). This estimate included all utilities, but maintenance services were separate. The third option was the Information Age Park, which cost \$10 to \$13 per square foot. It included utilities and janitorial services. This worked out to about \$8,000 a year. The final option was the Environmental Information Center (EIC) at the Jacobs Building. The only expense for this location would be the phone line at approximately \$20 per month. All facilities needed would be provided, including a computer. The Jacobs estimate which included administrative support at approximately 40-50 hours a month was \$16,000 per year.

Bill Tanner also contacted employment agencies and the average cost per hour for administrative support was \$11. Bill stated the criteria he used in obtaining estimates on administrative support stated that the administrative person would attend meetings, provide clerical support, distribute meeting minutes and other information to the board, and perform public relations activities. Bill stated that while obtaining the estimates it was suggested to him that the board write specific duties for the administrative support so that there will be no question of intended functions. Carlos Alvarado said that he acted on an action item from the November meeting by contacting Jacobs and getting a cost estimate for administrative support at 30 hours per week using a location other than Jacobs. The estimate was approximately \$6,400 per year and included travel to and from the specified location. The board was given copies of the Jacobs proposal on office equipment and team member bibliographies.

Bill Tanner said that the Jacobs proposal would give the board more resources; however, the location may not be comfortable for some members. He said that his personal feeling was that having it at Kevil gives the board the most resources and people who understand what is going on in the program. Patricia Barnhill also conveyed that the board would have access to the EIC at the Kevil location. Nola Courtney

asked if the EIC was available on Sundays and was told that it was available by appointment on any day. Bill Tanner said that if the SSAB chose a location other than the EIC, there would probably not be much access by the public. Nola Courtney stated that Jacobs was a good location for her and several of the other board members but she did not feel comfortable speaking for the other board members. Nola also stated that she would like to see a total cost estimate for all of the other locations.

Steve Kay said that the issue on obtaining administrative support seemed to be having the SSAB perceived as separate from the Department of Energy (DOE). Vicki Jones said that she did not vision the mission and scope of the SSAB as having detachment from DOE. Jones said she did not see a problem with Jacobs. Nola Courtney said that DOE has funded the board in direct response to citizens at large and she can understand the concern of attachment. Courtney said the scope is to represent something over and above the contractors. Nola said that it would be helpful for the board to have the total annual costs for each option presented next month. Steve Kay suggested that the costs should be comparable on an annual or monthly basis and that this issue be discussed at the next meeting with the full board; however, it should be limited to one comment per member with a vote to taken after every-one comments.

Steve Kay said that the February meeting for the 19th was scheduled on the date for the public meeting on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (UF6). Dennis Hill said that the PEIS meeting is from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room and that Ched Bradley, the project manager for depleted UF6 has offered to talk to the board if the meeting is simultaneous with the PEIS meeting. Steve Kay asked the board if the meeting for next month should be rescheduled. Vicki Jones said that she felt that it would be a good opportunity to participate in both. Nola Courtney agreed with Vicki. Dennis said that the PEIS meeting would be informal until 7:00 p.m. when the conference with Ched Bradley is scheduled. Steve Kay suggested the board meet at 5:00 p.m. and break at 7:00 p.m. to go to the conference then reconvene at 8:00 p.m. Carlos then referred to a note he had from Myrna Redfield which was an offer from Wilson McGinn for one of the SSAB members to attend the prioritization meeting, which was also on February 19. Steve Kay said that according to the board procedures, Jimmie Hodges was the only one who could reschedule a meeting date once it has been set. Jimmie Hodges stated that he would not exercise that prerogative very freely. Jimmie stated that there would have to be something very extraordinary such as there not being a quorum present. He also stated that he would entertain any recommendations that the board makes. Jimmie felt that it was important to poll the entire board. Steve stated that he had informed Mark Donham that Jimmie was the final authority when it came to changing meeting dates. Jimmie stated that there are always going to be conflicts. Nola, Vicki, and Bill all suggested that the meeting date stay the same. The meeting date will stay February 19.

The next item on the agenda was agenda time frames. Steve suggested that the board allocate time to specific agenda items. This would prevent meetings from running over and that the board could allocate more time to items if it was needed. Vicki Jones said that she thought they all agreed that this was needed. Steve said this is helpful to groups who tend not to be as precise in discussions or presentations. Bill Tanner said that he would like to see a summary of information with presentations. Nola Courtney said that a summary is nice in some cases; however, she was not sure it would be a good idea to limit time. Steve Kay asked if it would be helpful if the board received summaries of presentations before the meetings. The general consensus was that this would not be helpful and that they preferred to receive the information at the meeting. Jimmie Hodges suggested that presentations run in the

format of approximately 10-15 minutes for a presentation and 10-15 minutes for questions.

The next item on the agenda was activity between meetings. Steve Kay addressed the flow of e-mail and said he would like to hold most of his comments until more board members were present. Jimmie Hodges made the general comment that sometimes e-mail is not always productive and it distracts people who are trying to be productive. Jimmie felt that it was fine for asking questions. Steve said he was interested in having the issues that face the board brought to the entire board together at the board meetings instead of e-mail. He said he is interested in seeing the tone of any communications be subject to the same guidelines we follow at our meetings, some basic civility.

Dennis Hill spoke about the status of the Community Relations Plan (CRP). He said that the final document is ready; however, it must be certified by Jimmie Hodges and Jimmy Massey before it is released to the public. He said that he might have copies of the CRP at the January 22, 1998, public meeting. The meeting was adjourned until 6:30 p.m.

Steve Kay called the meeting to order and informed everyone that this was an informal meeting due to the lack of a quorum. Steve asked if there were any questions on the Environmental Management and Enrichment Facilities (EMEF) project updates. There were no questions. He suggested that the review of the SSAB workplan be held until the February meeting.

A presentation on Waste Area Grouping (WAG) 22 was made by Ross Miller, Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Inc. (LMES). Ross said the WAG 22 Feasibility Study had been recently released and discussed the alternatives represented in the study. He said the cost of the project ranged from \$40 to \$70 million. He said the WAG 22 Record of Decision (ROD) is scheduled to be issued in November 1998, and for signature in March 1999. The public review period is scheduled for September 1998. Ross said that he would get a handout of the cost of alternatives to the board.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation on Waste Management by Steve Davis, LMES. He presented a handout which was an action item from the last meeting on radionuclides and waste streams. He said the principal contaminant is uranium. John Volpe asked if the wastestreams Steve was talking about were legacy waste. Steve stated that it is legacy waste. John said that he was curious about the amount of thorium-230. Jimmie Hodges explained that thorium-230 is part of the decay process of uranium. Jimmie said that it is not common to see very much. He said that cesium-137 has typically not been found in the plant's process. John Volpe asked what the waste disposal options are. Steve Davis stated that the plant uses Envirocare, Hanford and there are other options they are working on presently. Sam Leone said that waste management is shipping liquid waste to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Incinerator in Oak Ridge and some of the waste to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL). Jimmie Hodges stated that legacy waste is waste that has been generated since the plant began operation up to the time that DOE leased it to USEC for their operation and that the majority of that waste is stored on site. He said that it is costing money to keep the waste on site and they are looking at options to ship and treat the waste. Waste transportation was part of this presentation.

The next item on the agenda was strategies for effective public input. Dennis Hill addressed the status of the Vortec Environmental Assessment (EA). He said that it had not been released yet since it is still in draft form; however, it should be released in the first quarter of 1998 and suggested that the topic

stay on the agenda. Dennis also discussed media contact. He said that he has contacted the local media and they have agreed to coverage; however, he is waiting for direction from the board on the format and time for this media contact. Dennis asked if the board wanted to have the next meeting at the Executive Inn. The SSAB members present agreed.

Steve Kay presented agenda items for the next meeting. Bill Tanner said he would like to see the board resolve the administrative issues at the next meeting. Jimmie Hodges suggested that the board may want to hear about the Management and Integration (M&I) Contract. Dennis Hill thought it might be a good agenda item for the March meeting since the new contractor will begin work in April. Carlos Alvarado said that a public meeting for Phase I of the Oil, Chemical, & Atomic Workers (OCAW) Former Worker s Health Study will be held at the end of February. Jimmie Hodges said that the report was the result of the OCAW Union being tasked and funded by DOE to do a former-worker health study. He said that the main purpose of the Phase I project was to see if there was enough evidence to warrant a Phase II. Steve asked if the board wanted to invite the person from the study to do a presentation at the next meeting. The members agreed. (Since the meeting, DOE has been informed that the OCAW representative would be unable to attend the meeting.)

The next meeting will be held February 19, 1998 in the McKinley Room at the Executive Inn. The meeting was adjourned.

Tentative agenda for the February 19, 1998, meeting:

Administrative Plans for the Board - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Office Location

Administrative Support

Meeting Schedule

Agenda Time Frames

Policy on Presentations

Activity between meetings

Board Evaluation

Adjourn to attend PEIS for Depleted Uranium 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Minutes

Information (Handouts)

EMEF Project Updates

OCAW Health Study (Canceled)

Review of the SSAB Draft Work Plan

WAG 6

WAG 22 (If regulatory comments have been received)

Vortec EA (If available)

Action Items

Provide SSAB members with Feasibility Study Summary for Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU)

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