

Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site Specific Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes

September 4, 1997

The September 4, 1997, Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) special meeting took place at the Department of Energy (DOE) Site Office at 6:00 p.m.

The following board members were present: Nola Courtney, Mark Donham, W. G. Harvey, Vicki Jones, Ronald Lamb, Linda Long, Ray McLennan, Connie Sykes, Bill Tanner and Gregory Waldrop. Ex Officio members present were: Jimmie Hodges. Also present were: Carlos Alvarado, Jeannie Brandstetter, Teresa Fields, and Shelley Hawkins.

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Jones. She explained that the purpose of meeting was to provide comments on the Accelerated Cleanup Plan and the disposition of the \$30,000 SSAB fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds. After some discussion by the board the following five comments were offered:

1. The SSAB is concerned that not enough characterization has been performed to know the extent of the contamination at Paducah and that the schedule and funds identified in this document could be very unrealistic. The SSAB is concerned that once these funding numbers and schedule are published in final form, that changes will be difficult if not impossible to implement.
2. The SSAB does not feel comfortable with DOE making numerous assumptions in order to fit a pre-determined schedule. The SSAB wants the cleanup activities to be completed regardless of the time required to finish. The SSAB is concerned that as funds and schedules become tight, that the effectiveness of the cleanup activities could easily be sacrificed.
3. The SSAB is concerned that since the Paducah plant is part of the Oak Ridge complex, that Paducah's contamination problems will be overshadowed by Oak Ridge's contamination problems.
4. The Paducah SSAB did not have an opportunity to provide input to the prioritization process as a whole and has numerous questions on how the projects were ranked.
5. The SSAB would also like to know what type of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review was performed on the plan.

The other item on the agenda was the disposition of the \$30,000 SSAB fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds. Ronnie Lamb suggested that the board check into getting a permanent address or meeting place. Ronnie felt that the SSAB might get more comments if its' address is a public place. The Chamber of Commerce building and the Information Age Park were suggested. The proposal was made and approved by consensus to move the \$30,000 into the Jacobs task account with the agreement that the task order could be withdrawn and the funds returned, if the SSAB so chooses after FY-98 begins. Mark Donham

expressed concerns about obligating the \$30,000 to a Jacobs SSAB support task. Jeannie Brandstetter will check into some office spaces and more permanent meeting places. Jimmie Hodges told the board that they will have to find someone to do their clerical work. Vicki Jones mentioned that Steve Kay's contract is up at the first of the year. It was proposed and approved by consensus to renew Steve Kay's contract.

Vicki also told everyone that the yearly appointments will be discussed at the next meeting. Mark Donham brought up the discussion about having the gentleman who is an authority on air emissions to come and review some documents. It was suggested that Mark contact the gentleman to discuss money requirements and report his findings at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.