

**Site Specific Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2000**

The November 16, 2000, Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting took place at the Information Age Park Resource Center in Paducah at 5:30 p.m.

The following board members were present: Nola Courtney, Mark Donham, Judy Ingram, Ronnie Lamb, Linda Long, Leon Owens, Doug Raper, Craig Rhodes, Jim Smart, John Tillson, and Gregory Waldrop. The facilitator present was Steve Kay. *Ex Officio* member present was: Don Seaborg, Department of Energy (DOE). The DOE federal coordinator present was John Sheppard. Also present were the following members of the public and employees, contractors, and subcontractors of the DOE: Jim Chesnut, Greg Cook, Lou Coots, Theresa Crisler, Gordon Dover, Bruce Ford, Bruce Gardner, Pat Halsey, Chuck Jenkins, Doris Lamb, Sam Leone, Diane McDaniel, Pete Osborne, Al Puckett, Peter Salpas, Jim Skridulis, Shirley Speer, M'balia Tagoe, Ray Threlkeld and Stacey Young.

**Agenda**

Mark Donham called the meeting to order and asked Steve Kay to facilitate the meeting. Kay asked if there were amendments to the agenda. Community Concerns was added to the SSAB Subcommittee Reports. **The amended agenda was approved.**

**Minutes**

It was noted that Dianna Feireisel's name had been corrected. Don Seaborg clarified that communication breakdown regarding the USGS meeting had been adequately addressed at the October meeting. DOE told Board members about the meeting as it had agreed to do. Sheppard noted that the three-year length of membership terms should be added under Membership. **The amended minutes were approved by consensus.**

Site Manager's Comments

Seaborg stated that Dianna Feireisel would be at more of the public meetings. He commented on the action items from the October meeting. He said the sale of the nickel was proceeding and that the money will go back into cleanup. He said that documentation to support the three-year terms was forthcoming. He added that the Core Team Meeting Minutes were in the handout packets.

He read a fact sheet regarding shipment of capacitors shipped September 11, 2000. (copy attached) They had been apparently been shipped to the wrong disposal location

The Permeable Treatment Zone work is back in the field. The injections of the barrier material have begun.

Oak Ridge had requested that someone come to the December SSAB meeting to report on the Integrated Baseline. Seaborg asked that they send materials and this would be delivered to SSAB members as soon as it is received.

Seaborg went over a list of tentative public meetings. An information sheet was provided in the handout packet.

He discussed the funding and the three options that had previously been presented to the Board. He said that DOE wanted to keep funding 'as is' so it would remain under present scenario.

Donham asked about the metal assay that had been requested two months earlier. Seaborg said he would take care of that issue.

Seaborg explained that a company named TOXCO was interested in the fluorine cells. They are working with PACRO on this project. Seaborg said the possibility of value of fluorine was interesting to him. Rhodes asked if Jimmie Hodges was also working as a consultant for TOXCO. Seaborg said Hodges worked with PACRO.

Puckett said a lady from Russia had visited him. She had said that Russia was going to send waste to the United States. He questioned whether this waste was going to be sent to Paducah site. Seaborg asked Puckett to get her name and he would call her. Dover said that some people were here to see if our environmental groups would help them in Russia. Chesnut said the Russian visitors had returned to Russia.

Rhodes asked about a site located on maps sent out by DOE. This site, south of the plant, is contaminated with numerous contaminants and Rhodes was curious about what was the cause. Seaborg commented that the Environmental Information Center Website is up and running and that information could be found there. Long also questioned the maps. She stated that there was a spot here and there and that her question is: "What is between the spots?" Seaborg said the samples covered soils, surface water, and groundwater and that probably samples were not taken in between the spots. Long commented that one spot appeared to be in her neighbor's garden.

Tillson asked what technologies were being looked at for the fluorine. Seaborg said he was not sure what was being considered. The bidders would have to include that information in a Proposal.

Hanson asked what was being done to let neighbors like Warren Smith know about the maps. Seaborg said more testing was being done before contacting people. Hanson said she felt like people should be notified immediately that they may be contaminated. Seaborg said comment noted.

### **SSAB Recommendation Status**

No comments.

## **Project Status Updates**

### **Drum Mountain**

Smart said he was out at Drum Mountain and there was still a lot of scrap metal. He questioned why there was still so much there. Seaborg explained that the metals in the other scrap yards and the metals in Drum Mountain were not the same size pieces and the shredder did not work for all of the scrap metal. Tillson asked if there would be other costs. Seaborg said there had been more B25 boxes found that the original bid had not covered. He said Envirocare's costs had gone up. Dover said there had been non-conforming scrap that were not covered in the bid. Donham asked Seaborg to define non-conforming. Seaborg said non-conforming were materials that were not uniformly shaped and of uniform substance like the old barrel pieces, and included things like 20 pieces of six-inch pipe, fire hydrants, rail shipping drums, and etc. Dover said the metals had to meet Envirocare's specifications.

Waldrop asked about the wildlife. Seaborg said that Fish and Wildlife would be doing the collecting of samples for the remainder of the scrap metals.

### **CERCLA Document/Seismic Issues**

John Skridulis, Project Manager, said if the CERCLA Cell becomes an acceptable option there are several more steps before an issue would be settled regarding seismic concerns. He said in January a USGS expert would be at the SSAB meeting to cover seismic concerns.

Seaborg asked USGS had reviewed the CERCLA document. Skridulis said there was no formal signature. He said they had utilized Kentucky Geologic Survey Reports. Seaborg asked for a summary of references. Skridulis said there was unquestionably a major seismic zone. Regulations requirements for earthquakes was discussed. Donham asked if measurements could be translated to Richter. Kay said that in January that should be addressed.

### **GWOUFS**

Mark asked how many comments were received from the public on the GWOUFS. Cook said no one was present who could address that question.

### **Presentations**

#### **FOIA**

Seaborg introduced Amy Rothrock, the FOIA officer from Oak Ridge.

Rothrock gave an overview of the types of records that are available to FOIA requests. She covered the Privacy Act and how records are protected. Individuals have the right to

see their own records. She said the Freedom of Information Act was passed in the 1960's to allow citizen's information. She said the law allows up to twenty working days to respond to a request. The response could be: need more time to fill request or too many records. She had 280 open request at present. She said that her biggest problem was receiving the records from the various offices which have the requested documents..

She commented on classification of documents and how it takes to get classified documents to the public. She talked about several aspects of the FOIA process. She noted that her telephone number was on the handout and she would welcome calls from anyone wanting more information.

Seaborg introduced Theresa Crisler, of the Paducah DOE site office, as the FOIA point of contact. Crisler made comments on some of the request that she had heard from recently. She covered the tracking system that was now being used at the Site office.

Tillson complimented Rothrock on the speed of a recent request he had made. Rothrock said it was possible because the records had been readily available.

Donham asked if there was a working Open Net in Paducah. He said that he had tried calling and emailing the numbers and addresses on the opennet website but that they didn't work Rothrock said the opennet documents were in Paducah somewhere. Open Net was discussed and Rothrock said she would get Donham information regarding the Paducah access to these records. Seaborg added that he would like more information regarding this.

(Handouts attached)

### **Waste Disposition Environmental Assessment**

Diane McDaniel gave a presentation.(Copy attached)

Donham asked about newly generated wastes. Leone said DMSAs are going to have to be characterized. Donham explained that if the DMSAs were not addressed in the Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement that would be another issue. Puckett asked if bringing Russian Wastes to Paducah was being considered. McDaniel said she could not address that. Donham asked if the communities which have facilities to receive the Paducah waste would be notified. McDaniel said yes.

Seaborg said the Board would be on the distribution list for the final documents.

### **Open Board Discussion**

No comments.

### **Workplan**

The Workplan included in the handout was not updated to reflect the changes that had been added at the last SSAB meeting. Vortec will be discussed in the Site Manager's comments in January. CORE team, Prioritization, and Institutional Controls were all added to the Workplan. It was decided to have a fact sheet on PACRO provided and include in Site Manager's comments. Donham suggested discussion of the Scrap Metal EE/CA be included in the Project Updates.

## **Financial Update**

No comments.

## **Community Concerns**

Recommendations were brought to the Board by the subcommittee. (attached) After much discussion regarding the recommendations, it was decided that the subcommittee would meet again and rework the recommendations for clarity and also to be more specific in some areas of concern. It was also decided that the recommendation on private property testing be combined with the community concerns issues, and that the same subcommittee would address them. Rhodes (subcommittee chair) asked if Leon Owens would also serve on the subcommittee. Owens agreed to serve. Rhodes said he would call the members regarding meeting date. Seaborg commented that the term oversight, used at the bottom of the recommendation page, was not in the SSAB's charter.

## **Membership**

Courtney said the subcommittee would meet and bring something to the January meeting. Cook said that the search was still going on to reconstruct when the By Laws stated the length of terms. Report will be brought to next meeting.

## **Board Retreat**

A note was in packet regarding the date being changed to March 9-10, 2001. The Pennyrile State Park Resort has been reserved. The resort is to send brochures which will be sent out to members as soon as they are received. The draft of the agenda that was planned in August was included in handout for consideration.

**Meeting adjourned.**