

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator  
Date: May 18, 2018  
Subject: **Summary of the April 25, 2018 Meeting**

## **Next Meeting**

Date & Time: **June 27, 2018, 6:30 PM**  
Location: Ashford Office Complex  
9030 Route 219  
West Valley, NY

## **CTF Members and Alternates Attending**

Clyde Drake, Barbara Frackiewicz, Lee James\*, Paul Kranz\*, Tony Memmo, Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Ray Vaughan, Eric Wohlers.

## **Agency Participants and Observers**

**Department of Energy (DOE):** Bryan Bower, Marty Krentz, Moira Maloney, Audrey Seeley.

**New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA):** Paul Bembia, Lee Gordon, Andrea Mellon.

**CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC. (CHBWV):** Scott Anderson, Joe Pillittere.

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC):** Pat Concannon, Ken Martin.

**Neptune and Company:** Sean McCandless\*.

**Public:** Joanne Hameister, Diane Hinman, Rick Miller, Paul Siepierski, Patricia Townsend, William Townsend.

## **INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Bill Logue welcomed all present and reviewed the meeting agenda and materials<sup>1</sup>.

## **CHBWV PROJECT UPDATE**

Scott Anderson of CHBWV presented a safety update and project update by contract milestone.

**Safety.** The 12-month average for Total Recordable Cases is 1.33 and Days Away, Restrictions, Transfers at 0.33. If there are no incidents in the next month the DART will go down to 0. There were two new Recordable Cases in April and one case from last April will drop off resulting in an increase by .33 in the coming month. With an aging workforce the potential for strain injuries increases.

**Milestone 1.** Relocation of the High-Level Waste (HLW) canisters to long-term interim storage is complete.

**Milestone 2 - Legacy Waste.** This is a current priority. Legacy Waste shipment is 93% complete with 20 shipments remaining. The three large vessels from the Chemical Process Cell-Waste Storage Area (CPC-WSA) status is: the dissolver is in the Remote-Handled Waste Facility being size reduced, the reboiler has been processed and is ready for shipment in June and the separator was shipped for treatment and disposal in Texas. Planned completion for Legacy Waste Processing is August 2018, perhaps sooner.

**Deactivation Progress Under Milestone 3.** The Vitrification Facility demolition continues and is 61% complete. The North Wall has been demolished and current Phase 2 Vit Facility demo work is on the Process Cell, Shield Doors and South Wall. Phase 3 will be the demolition of the Crane Maintenance Room, Tunnel and Secondary Filter Room. Planned completion is summer 2018. Mr. Anderson showed pictures of the removal of steel roof beams. Shipping of waste is on schedule with 114 intermodals shipped and 156 loaded for shipping.

The Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) deactivation is 86% complete. Six crews are performing asbestos containing material removal and deactivation in radiological areas. The work has higher levels of contamination in the vent exhaust cell and is in smaller spaces and therefore difficult to perform. The Chemical Process Cell has

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<sup>1</sup> Each is listed at the end of this summary and may be found at [www.westvalleyctf.org](http://www.westvalleyctf.org)

\* Participated by telephone.

lower levels of contamination than anticipated. The significant areas left for deactivation are the Vent Exhaust Cell, Process Mechanical Room, Vent Wash Room and Chemical Process Cell. Planned completion is now November 2018.

**Balance of Site Facilities – Milestone 4.** One ancillary facility was demolished and currently 20 of 47 other facilities on the site have been demolished. Additionally, 89% of the ancillary facilities have been deactivated. Site infrastructure reconfiguration continues. The fire water line repairs are complete and the new potable water system is operational. The new electrical substation installation should be operational in April. Rail Spur upgrades are scheduled for summer/fall.

Mr. Anderson responded to a number of questions. Up gradient of the potable water well there are sentinel wells that can measure the groundwater head. For the water from the Vit Facility demolition mister and runoff there is containment and capture with berms and tanks. The old electrical equipment contains PCBs but Mr. Anderson was not aware of any spills or leaks. The soils have not been tested for PCBs.

### **PHASE 1 STUDIES AND SEIS STATUS UPDATES**

Lee Gordon of NYSERDA gave an update on the Phase 1 Studies. The contract with Enviro Compliance Solutions has been closed out and a final report on Long-Term Erosion Modeling was recently posted. A CTF member stated that the draft SEIS comments suggest that modeling data, software and hardware be preserved for use in the Phase 2 decision and implementation. Mr. Gordon stated that as part of the Phase 1 Studies Erosion Work Group scope, the calculations and modeling documents were to be preserved so that others could use them going forward.

Martin Krentz of DOE gave an update on the SEIS process. He stated that the public scoping period for the SEIS was extended by 30 days until Friday, May 25, 2018. The total comment time for the scoping period is 90-days. The agencies agreed that 90-days is a sufficient amount of time for the public to provide comments on the range of reasonable alternatives and the environmental issues to be analyzed in the SEIS. A notice of the extension was published in the Federal Register, the New York State Environmental Notice Bulletin and on the various websites. The SEIS website will be a “one stop shop” for fact sheets, documents and presentations. He noted that Annual Site Environmental Reports are available as far back as 1982 on the DOE West Valley website. Approximately 1,000 comments were received by the initial April 23 deadline. Many were identical from an automated campaign.

### **CTF DISCUSSION OF SEIS SCOPING COMMENTS & PROCESS**

The CTF reviewed SEIS draft scoping comments which had been through several drafts since the previous meeting. Mr. Vaughan noted the level of detail in the draft and that he felt it wise to refer back to the group’s comments on the 2009 Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Several specific suggestions were made for additional comments and the proposers agreed to email those to the facilitator. The facilitator will compile comments, circulate them in early May for review and approval and finalize the comments for submission prior to the deadline. In response to the discussion, Mr. Bembia noted that on the State-Licensed Disposal Area there is 10 feet of soil cover below the geomembrane cover. Another member suggested that funds be escrowed for addressing the end of the design life of the HLW storage casks. Mr. Bembia noted that NYSERDA and DOE were discussing the question of a long-term storage analysis due to the lack of a permanent repository at this time.

### **OTHER CTF BUSINESS**

Mr. Vaughan is working on thank you and funding advocacy letters and asked the agencies to articulate what would be done with the additional funding received in the current fiscal year. The facilitator will coordinate with the agencies and poll the CTF concerning a site visit for the June meeting. Mr. Patti noted that it was “Recruit New York” month and the Volunteer Hose Company was seeking new volunteers.

### **OBSERVER COMMENTS**

There were no observer comments other than through answers incorporated in the narrative above.

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who; When</b>
Draft thank you and funding letters	Lawton & Vaughan supported by Logue
Format and recirculate draft comments to CTF	Logue early May
Information on additional work with funding	CHBWV & DOE

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