

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Melinda Holland  
Subject: Summary of October 29, 2002, CTF Meeting  
Date: November 4, 2002

### **Next Meeting**

The next full Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting will be held as follows:

Date	<b>December 10, 2002</b>
Time	7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Location	Ashford Office Complex 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY

If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (864) 457-4202, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

### **CTF Attendees**

*Attending were:* Mike Hutchinson, Nevella McNeil, Gayla Gray (for Lana Redeye), Bill King, Lee Lambert, Mark Mitskovski (for Larry Rubin), Tim Siepel, Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Paul Piciulo, Pete Scherer, Ray Vaughan, John Beltz, Warren Schmidt, Alice Williams, and Eric Wohlers.

*CTF Members not attending (nor represented by an alternate) were:* Mark Steffan.

### **Agency Attendees**

Jack Krajewski, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

### **Meeting Highlights**

Topics discussed included:

- ▶ Status of negotiations between DOE and NYSERDA;
- ▶ 2001 WVDP Seismic Reflection Survey presentation;
- ▶ Status of funding support for Regional Redevelopment Study;
- ▶ CTF Membership Report;
- ▶ Report on 10/24/02 CTF Agenda Work Group conference call regarding future meeting topics; and
- ▶ CTF Technical Work Group meeting on December 4, 2002.

### **Meeting Summary**

Tom Attridge opened the meeting by briefly describing the written materials that were disseminated at the meeting (see the list at the end of this summary) and Melinda Holland reviewed the agenda.

NYSERDA and DOE negotiators reported that they had met on October 2. The parties stated that they had a good discussion on near-term work scope issues, but have not yet reached any formal agreement. The next negotiation session is scheduled for November 21.

Zintars Zadins, URS, gave a presentation on the 2001 Seismic Study. During the discussion of the

presentation, Dr. Zadins further explained the technical terminology, geology, and methods used to conduct the study. A Task Force member expressed concern over and a desire for additional information on the “Sardinia Feature” revealed by the seismic study. Dr. Zadins stated that he did not believe it was necessary to run another seismic reflection “line” in this area. Dr. Zadins stated that future work will include updating the regional structural geology section of the EIS and to update the seismic hazard evaluation for the WNYNSC. These tasks would include the results obtained from the 2001 WVDP Seismic Reflection Survey. In response to a CTF member question, Dr. Zadins stated that the area around the site is relatively quiescent, seismically.

CTF member (and Cattaraugus County Environmental Health Director) Eric Wohlers and Tom Barnes, from Southern Tier West, reviewed the status of recent efforts to obtain additional funding for a regional redevelopment study. They reported that Southern Tier West, Erie County, Cattaraugus County, NYSERDA, and DOE met on October 17 to discuss the study funding needs and review a draft letter to be sent to federal and state elected officials specifically requesting additional funding assistance. The draft letter had been also sent to the CTF for comments, and Eric and Tom distributed a final version of the letter to the CTF for approval to send the letter to federal and state elected officials. The CTF approved of sending the letter and Tom Barnes took the action item to make sure the letter was mailed.

Southern Tier West reported that it is preparing a funding application to submit to the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). The redevelopment study is expected to cost approximately \$500,000, and commitments currently exist for \$25,000 from Erie County, \$25,000 from Cattaraugus County, \$40,000 from the West Valley Demonstration Project, and \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration. NYSERDA reported that it is setting up meetings with potential funding agencies like Empire State Development Corporation and the Buffalo-Niagara Enterprise. A DOE representative indicated that DOE is unable to provide additional funding beyond the \$40,000 already committed for the redevelopment study regardless of WVDP funding levels for fiscal year 2003.

Paul Piciulo, NYSERDA, gave a brief presentation on the Western New York Nuclear Service Center areas (such as the land west, south and east of the Project boundary) within the 3,300 acres, owned by NYSERDA, that might be suitable for other uses. However, any land proposed for a different use would have to be removed from the NRC license. He added, that NYSERDA’s mission for the land is focused on cleanup and to change that mission would require legislation. A CTF member commented that major portions of the Center need to be kept intact until a preferred alternative is decided upon, as the Decommissioning EIS Record of Decision may require some land be set aside for buffer areas.

Melinda Holland recommended Reverend Bill Kay to fill the vacancy created by Michelle Enser’s resignation. The recommendation was approved by the Task Force. Reverend Kay has been a Task Force alternate for Tim Siepel and is a West Valley resident. Reverend Kay is pastor of the Lutheran Church in Ellicottville and also of the Lutheran Church on Dutch Hill Road in West Valley.

The Agenda Work Group held its first meeting via conference call on October 24. The summary of that conference call is attached to this meeting summary. Work group members reviewed their recommendations for agenda items for future Task Force meetings. For the December 10 CTF meeting the following topics were suggested and accepted by the full CTF:

- ▶ Review of project milestones;
- ▶ Review of the WVDP Performance Management Plan (PMP), if available. If it is not available, then

- ▶ review the approach taken by other sites in their PMPs;
- ▶ Review the status of implementation of the Regulators' Communication Plan.

A presentation on the results of the performance of the permeable treatment wall in the North Plateau Groundwater Plume was recommended for a late winter, early spring meeting, depending on when the report becomes available. A CTF member also suggested that periodic contacts with Congressional staff and state legislators should be planned for future meetings and that, at each meeting, the CTF should discuss and record issues the elected officials should be aware of.

The Agenda Work Group will hold another conference call on November 18 to plan a proposed agenda for the CTF's Annual Meeting (which will be held on January 28) and future meeting topics.

### **Next Steps**

The CTF has decided to hold the next meeting on December 10, 2002.

The Technical Work Group will hold a meeting on December 4 at the Seneca Nation of Indian offices<sup>1</sup> to review the waste characterization reports. CTF members who are interested in joining this work group should contact Ray Vaughan.

The next WVDP Quarterly Public Meeting is scheduled for November 12 at the Rath Building in Buffalo, New York.

### **Action Items**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Provide CTF members an index of all the documents which have been previously given to the CTF.	Tom Attridge	Jan 28
Check on the availability of NRC, NYSDEC, etc. on Dec. 10 to provide via teleconference, an update on implementation of the Regulators' Communication Plan	DOE/WVNSCO	Nov 8
Develop a presentation on the WVDP Project milestones and the Performance Management Plan (PMP).	DOE/WVNSCO	Dec 10

### **Observer Comments**

There were no observer comments.

**List of Documents** For copies, please contact Sonja Allen at (716) 942-2152.

- ▶ Meeting agenda
- ▶ Presentation "2001 Seismic Reflection Survey Near the Western New York Nuclear Service Center"
- ▶ 10/9/02 letter from NRC to NYSDEC, responding to NYSDEC comments on the Policy Statement
- ▶ Draft letter from the CTF to the Congressional delegation requesting funding support for the redevelopment study
- ▶ 10/23/02 letter from NRC to DOE
- ▶ Summary of the October 24 Agenda Work Group Conference call

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<sup>1</sup> Contact Gayla Grey for directions to this location.

- ▶ Draft CTF letter regarding additional funds for Regional Redevelopment Study
- ▶ New Member Recommendation Report