

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force  
From: Melinda Holland, Task Force Facilitator  
Date: February 19, 2007  
Subject: **Summary of the February 15, 2007, CTF Agenda Work Group Conference Call**

If you have questions or comments regarding this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (828) 894-5963, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-9960, ext. 2453.

### **CTF Attendees**

Attending were: Paul Piciulo, Lee Lambert, Pete Scherer, Ray Vaughan, Tom Attridge, and John Chamberlain.

### **Meeting Highlights**

#### *February 28<sup>th</sup> CTF Meeting Agenda*

Participants agreed with the already planned topics of for the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and suggested the following topics be added to the agenda:

- ▶ West Valley Remediation Act - Provide an up date on the discussions between Ray Vaughan and Hal Brodie, NYSERDA regarding Mr. Vaughan's concerns as discussed at the January 24<sup>th</sup> CTF meeting;
- ▶ Proposed DOE West Valley budget cuts and a possible CTF visit with the Congressional delegation; and
- ▶ Questions regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) letter dated 02/08/07 which responds to the CTF letter regarding the North Plateau Ground Water Plume. Lee Lambert agreed to list her questions and email them to the CTF asking others to also list questions for NRC to address during NRC's April 25<sup>th</sup> presentation.

Ms. Holland explained that time may be limited at this meeting for discussion of additional topics, but a start can be made and next steps developed for each.

#### *Implementation and Next Steps on CTF 2007 Goal Statements*

Participants discussed the draft 2007 CTF goals statements developed by the break out groups at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting. They agreed that further prioritization and refinement of these goal statements is needed and suggested that the CTF conduct the 'dot voting' process on the combined/categorized draft goals statements. They further agreed to have Melinda Holland combine similar goal statements and reorganize them under the following categories:

- Outreach to Community/Constituents;
- Meet and Work with Agencies and Congressional Delegation;
- Information Desired from Agencies; and
- Develop CTF Agreement and Recommendations.

Ms. Holland agreed to send out the categorized goal statements with this meeting summary (they are found at the end of this document).

Work Group members viewed the first two categories (outreach and meeting with agencies and the Congressional delegation) as the most important at this time. One member noted that the

proposed cuts in the budget for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) may raise the priority of meeting with the Congressional delegation, either in Washington D.C. or locally during the next Congressional recess. Another high priority item stressed by one member is to have DOE and NYSERDA begin negotiations.

Participants wanted to know if a high-level EPA Region II representative would be willing to give a presentation to the CTF on their proposed approach to closure of the North Plateau facilities. Work Group members discussed their desire to have EPA become more involved, and wanted to know more about what types of regulatory authority EPA has over the WVDP.

In discussing the category “Develop CTF Agreement and Recommendations”, some participants expressed continuing reservations about the proposed legislation. They noted that if the CTF wants to revisit the provisions in the proposed legislation, it would be best to do so before the bills are re-introduced in Congress. They noted that the CTF needs to learn what the likely path forward and timing might be for re-introduction of the bills. Ms. Holland suggested that after the full CTF has discussed the issues, the concerns regarding legislative provisions could go to the CTF’s Legislative Work Group to draft alternative language.

**Action Items**

| Action  | Assigned To     | Due Date |
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| Email CTF members asking them to propose questions for Chad Glenn, NRC, to research and address in his presentation to the CTF on April 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Lee Lambert     | 02/19/07 |
| Recompile the draft goal statements developed at the January 24 <sup>th</sup> CTF meeting into the categories noted in this summary and propose dot voting or other prioritization method at the February 28 <sup>th</sup> meeting. | Melinda Holland | 02/19/07 |

**Melinda’s Suggested Groupings of Goal Statements:**

Outreach to Community/Constituents:

- ! Alert and educate the public about site issues such as the plume [7 dots];
- ! Develop press release process with prior consensus from full CTF (streamline press release process) [4 dots];
- ! Seek/continue to receive letters of support from municipal boards [3 dots];

Meet/work with Agencies, Congressional delegation:

- ! Push for EPA’s Region II’s proposal for cleanup of the North Plateau facilities [6 dots], and Set up a meeting with EPA on EPA’s goals for North Plateau closure [4 dots];
- ! Have federal (Congressional) officials attend a CTF meeting [6 dots];
- ! Meet with new state and federal leaders and elected officials, bring them up to speed, use “in the face” lobbying approach like used for the Mound/Miamisburg site redevelopment;

- request funding for CTF travel for this effort [5 dots];
- ! More face-to-face meetings with DOE officials [4 dots];
- ! Set up a meeting with NRC on that agencies position/role for protection of the public [2 dots].

Information Desired from Agencies:

- ! Presentation to CTF by expert on erosion modeling (Greg Tucker was suggested) [3 dots];
- ! Receive timely information from DOE and NYSERDA on Interim Measures [2 dots];
- ! Learn about DOE's Core Team process vs. NYSERDA's EIS process [2 dots];
- ! Review dependability of High-Level Waste Tank grouting;

Develop CTF Agreement and Recommendations.

- ! Revisit Remediation Act legislation [5 dots];
- ! Possible CTF support for NYSERDA lawsuit [4 dots];
- ! Get the site at least to "brownfields" status [3 dots];
- ! Focus on getting NDA and SDA cleaned up [3 dots];
- ! Explore/re-evaluate CTF effectiveness and how to improve it [1 dot];
- ! "Future land use" - stay on focus [1 dot];