

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator
Date: March 12, 2019
Subject: **Summary of the January 23, 2019 Meeting**

Next Meeting

Date & Time: **March 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM**
Location: Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219
West Valley, NY

CTF Members and Alternates Attending

Deb Aumick*, Clyde Drake, Barbara Frackiewicz, Paul Kranz*, Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Ray Vaughan, Tim Zerfas.

Agency Participants and Observers

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

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

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

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC): Ken Martin.

Neptune and Company: Paul Black, Sean McCandless*.

Public: Thomas Carpenter, Anthony Chang, Bethany MacNeill, Rick Miller, Paul Siepierski, Kelsey Shank, Patricia Townsend, William Townsend, Barbara Warren*. **Facilitator:** Loraine Della Porta*.

Introductions, Announcements, Administrative Business

Bill Logue welcomed all present and reviewed the meeting agenda and materials¹.

CHBWV Project Update

Scott Anderson of CHBWV presented a project update.

Safety. The 12-month average for Total Recordable Cases (TRC) is now 0.99. With a smaller workforce and limited hours, each recordable injury adds 0.3. Days Away, Restrictions, Transfers continues at 0.00. There have been minor injuries, but none have resulted in lost work time. As of December 31, 2018, there have been 1 million person-hours, or about 600 days, without a lost-time injury. The Integrated Safety Management System steering committee organized an event in which employee's children up to the age of 12 were asked to draw pictures on safety. These were put in a calendar for employees. Copies were provided to CTF members.

2018 Accomplishments. Mr. Anderson listed the 2018 accomplishments including: completion of Legacy Waste Disposition ahead of schedule, completion of Vitrification Facility Demolition, significant progress on Main Plant Process Building (MPPB) deactivation (including ventilation stack removal, MSM shop and Contact-Size Reduction Facility demolition), site infrastructure upgrades, demolition of 28 site facilities, and support initiatives of local communities.

Milestone 2 - Legacy Waste. The legacy waste shipment milestone is complete. In response to a question, Mr. Anderson clarified that legacy waste is waste that was on site under prior contracts and newly generated waste is waste that was produced under the current cleanup contract.

Deactivation Progress Under Milestone 3. Several intermodals of Vitrification Facility demolition waste remain to be shipped. In response to a question, Mr. Anderson stated that the misting system used during open-air demolition could function in cold weather; however, work is slowed by snow removal and equipment warming. The MPPB deactivation is 95% complete. Six crews continue to remove asbestos containing material

¹ Each is listed at the end of this summary and may be found at www.westvalleyctf.org

* Participated by telephone.

and deactivate radiological areas. In the Vent Exhaust Cell, separation cutting of the 36-inch vertical duct is complete and the pieces were loaded for shipment. In the Chemical Process Cell fixative was applied to support floor grouting. In response to a question, Mr. Anderson stated that with the stack removal and other issues, measures have been or will be taken to prevent water infiltration into the MPPB. However, the building will not be reroofed. Mr. Anderson also committed to provide a radionuclide inventory of the MPPB once it is demolition ready.

Due to issues that have occurred at other sites, the open-air demolition is on hold pending review and consultation with DOE West Valley and headquarters staff. Options under consideration include additional source removal and use of a containment structure. The goal is to determine the best approach to perform work safely and efficiently. CHBWV is also proposing work to be substituted for the MMPB demolition scope if that does not occur under this contract. Following the meeting DOE and NYSERDA clarified this by informing the CTF that: DOE and CHBWV have demonstrated to the EPA that open air demolition of the MPPB would be safe and compliant. DOE and CHBWV have agreed to re-sequence work at the site which no longer allows for the demolition of the MPPB under CHBWV's contract. During the course of site operations, DOE and CHBWV will continue to review and consider the lessons learned from other sites.

Balance of Site Facilities – Milestone 4. Twenty-eight of 47 other facilities on the site have been demolished and the areas restored. This includes the North Plateau Pump and Treat System. Work is complete on the natural gas distribution system. The new electrical substation Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 of the electrical reconfiguration is scheduled to be completed in the spring. Some armoring of the north slope of the NRC Licensed Disposal Area is being planned for summer.

Community Support. Community service donations include \$70,000 West Valley Fire District, \$5,000 Bertrand Chafee Hospital, \$5,000 Mercy Flight. Other annual community donations were approximately \$12,000 and United Way contributions were \$18,375. The annual food drive collected 108,000 pounds of food, including 360 turkeys, that was delivered to nine food pantries.

2019 Project Goals. Goals include: complete Vitrification facility waste disposition, complete MPPB deactivation (some contract modification is underway), complete demolition of ancillary facilities and dispose of waste, complete NRC-Licensed disposal Area armoring and cover extension, complete demolition/disposition/restoration of balance of site facilities, complete electrical reconfiguration, complete disposition of 50 truckloads of newly generated waste. The MPPB contract modifications are for deactivation of the Fuel Receiving and Storage Facility and below-grade cells.

Impact of Government Shutdown. The DOE appropriation was passed in September and the government shutdown has not impacted current work.

Citizen Task Force Annual Organizational Meeting

The members reviewed the 2018 Summary of Activities and no changes were noted. They also reviewed their annual self-evaluation survey. The CTF discussed continued desire to improve outreach. To assist in this, Mr. Bembia and Mr. Bower indicated they would be willing to present with CTF members to constituent groups and others. The Technical Work Group will renew consideration of whether a presentation on statistical techniques would help in the group's review of the Probabilistic Performance Assessment. The question was also raised about whether a working meeting on some technical issues following a technical presentation would help deepen discussions. The facilitator raised the option of an online presentation of some topics followed by discussion at the subsequent meeting. Several members expressed frustration with the Quarterly Public Meetings and expressed a desire to try to find other ways to obtain the information that is disseminated at those meetings. The facilitator and the agencies will discuss options for accomplishing these goals. A CTF member asked if the agencies were getting the feedback from the group as is intended. Mr. Bembia stated that the CTF is an important forum representation a broad group of stakeholders. The group reviewed attendance for the year.

The League of Women Voters nominated Patricia Townsend to represent it. Ms. Townsend spoke to her background with a PhD in cultural anthropology, author of two college texts, current work on medical anthropology, attendance at past CTF meetings and work with various groups to discuss the work at the site. The agencies and CTF welcomed Ms. Townsend as a member. Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of the Erie

County Department of Environment and Planning will be the representative for the county. Paul Kranz will remain as the alternate.

An Agenda Work Group will be convened.

Observer Comments

Observer comments are noted above.

Action Items

Action	Who; When
Estimation of Curie inventory on deactivation of MPPB	CHBWV

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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