

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator
Date: June 12, 2019
Subject: **Summary of the April 24, 2019 Meeting**

Next Meeting

Date & Time: **June 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM**
Location: Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219
West Valley, NY

CTF Members and Alternates Attending

Charlie Davis, Clyde Drake, Barbara Frackiewicz, Heidi Hartley*, Paul Kranz, Tony Memmo, Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Mary Reid*, Pat Townsend, Ray Vaughan, Tim Zerfas.

Agency Participants and Observers

Department of Energy (DOE): Craig Rieman, 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, John Rendall.

Neptune and Company: Dan Levitt*, Sean McCandless*.

Public: Anthony Chang, Diane D'Arrigo*, Amy Joslin, Dan Melchior, William Townsend, Barbara Warren*.

Introductions, Announcements, Administrative Business

Bill Logue welcomed all present and reviewed the meeting agenda and materials¹. Paul Kranz, attending his last CTF meeting due to his impending retirement from Erie County, shared a radiation dose chart graphic. At the close of the meeting Mr. Kranz noted that he always found the work of the CTF interesting and the other members and agency representatives expressed their appreciation for his years of service.

CHBWV Project Update

John Rendall of CHBWV presented a project update.

Safety. The 12-month average for Total Recordable Cases (TRC) is now 2.07, an increase due to a knee sprain and arm fracture. The TRC should go down over time as a rolling 12-month average. The voluntary stretching routine continues at the start of the shift and work areas are being reviewed with the union to identify potential hazard and trip areas. Days Away, Restrictions, Transfers continues at 0.00.

Deactivation Progress Under Milestone 3. MPPB deactivation is 94% complete (this includes an adjustment downward since the last update due to the added work scope). The 5 crews continue removing asbestos-containing materials and deactivating radiological areas in the Control Room south wall and Chemical Operating Aisle. The new scope additions include deactivation work in General Purpose Cell (GPC) Crane Room/Operating Aisle; Product Purification Cell South; and Fuel Receiving and Storage Facility.

Ancillary support structures that have been removed under Milestone 3 include the Contact-Size Reduction Facility, Manipulator Repair Shop Repair Shop and Laundry Facility. Upcoming demolitions include the Utility Room, Utility Room Extension, Main Plant Office and Load-In Facility.

Balance of Site Facilities – Milestone 4. Deactivation of the Low-Level Wastewater Treatment 02 Pad started in late-March. Pre-demolition work continues on the Liquid Pretreatment System building at the NRC-Licensed Disposal Area. In total 29 of 47 facilities have been demolished and the areas restored. The new electrical substation Phase 2 will occur in the summer with connection to the new 34.5 kV feed line from National Grid.

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

* Participated by telephone.

In response to a question, Mr. Randall noted that the life-span of fixative was longer than needed due to the scheduled demolition of the MPPB in the next few years. Typically, contaminated materials are shipped to Texas or Utah and non-contaminated materials are disposed of locally.

Ashford Update

Charlie Davis, CTF member and Supervisor of Ashford, provided an update on Town activities related to the site. The solar farm on the retained premises of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center is under construction and should be complete in the fall of 2019. As part of the Community Distributed Generation Program, town taxpayers will see a reduction in their utility rates. The payback time for the project is about 10 years. This is similar to other alternative energy generation programs in the region. Mr. Davis stated that he hoped an agreement could be negotiated in the future on use of the Bulk Storage Warehouse.

On May 1 and 2 Mr. Davis and John Pfeffer plan to attend the Energy Communities Alliance Meeting in Washington DC. The trip will be combined with visits to leadership in DOE Environmental Management and staff for Congressman Reed and Senator Schumer.

Mr. Davis also noted that the town had applied for grants for sewer and water lines on Route 219 and that a stop light would be installed at the intersection of Route 219 and Peters Road.

Citizen Task Force Discussion

CTF Letters. The CTF reviewed, approved, and signed a letter of thanks to Congressman Reed and another letter to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and the leadership of the Senate Appropriations Committee supporting the WVDP Reauthorization Act and funding at \$75 million/year. A CTF member noted that Waste Control Specialists had hired a lobbyist to support their advocacy for consolidated interim storage. Should they be successful, this could provide a pathway for WVDP wastes currently stored on-site.

Understanding Probabilistic Modeling & Statistical Analysis. Lee Gordon of NYSERDA stated that the agencies were supportive of the CTF hearing from an expert. At the May Quarterly Public Meeting Neptune and Company will provide a review of basic information and approaches to the Probabilistic Performance Assessment (PPA) and its application to the site and modeling. Mary Reid and Ray Vaughan will work with the facilitator and the agencies to coordinate a presentation at the July CTF meeting by a colleague of Dr. Reed’s. A technical discussion may occur in the afternoon followed by an overview in the evening.

Future Meetings. Possible topics for future meetings include the status of the Tank Farm, in particular the tank that still contains liquids; and lessons learned and recommendations concerning open-air demolition and the associated monitoring processes. Specifically a member requested that Brent Blunt provide his Waste Management Conference 2019 poster session to the CTF.

Observer Comments

An observer asked whether the public could attend the July afternoon session with the expert if it occurs. The facilitator said he would discuss this with the agencies and CTF.

Action Items

Action	Who; When
Contact Roswell presenter	Reid & Logue

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

Description	Generated by; Date
Meeting Agenda	Logue; 4/24/19
Project Update	CHBWV; 4/24/19
Radiation Dose Chart	Kranz
News Clippings Distributed at Meeting	NYSERDA; 4/24/19