West Valley Citizen Task Force

Summary of Activities – 2020

Introduction

This memorandum summarizes the activities for the West Valley Citizen Task Force in 2020. This summary is intended to be an aid to discussion and decision-making for 2021.

In 2020 the CTF met in person in January. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the March and April meetings were cancelled as activities at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) and Western New York Nuclear Service Center (WNYNSC) were reduced to Essential Mission Critical Activities level. The agencies provided a written update in March. Beginning in June the CTF resumed meeting in a virtual platform using Zoom.

Meetings, Presentations and Other Accomplishments

During 2020 the CTF accomplished the following:

Five CTF meetings were held. The Ad Hoc Work Group also held two conference calls. The CTF continued to forgo four meetings in favor of the Quarterly Public Meetings scheduled on the days the CTF meeting would traditionally have been held. Meeting and call summaries and materials are available at: http://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/2020-meeting-summaries/ and http://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/2020-meeting-materials/.

- Topics of presentations and discussions at CTF meetings included:
  - CHBWV Project updates. Safety, deactivation and demolition activities (Main Plant Process Building, ancillary facilities), planned work, work suspension and re-start related to COID-19, and contract scope modifications
  - Budget updates
  - NYSERDA presentations on:
    - Part 50 License Amendment for Updating Radiation Protection Program for the Retained Premises
    - Trench 14 Leachate Elevation Update and Path Forward
  - Overview of Watersheds, LiDAR and Rainfall Recurrence Frequency
  - New York Department of Environmental Conservation presentation on the Hazardous Waste Program (RCRA)
  - Annual Site Environmental Review for 2019
  - West Valley Demonstration Project Act Reauthorization
  - Probabilistic Performance Assessment
  - Update on progress for the Solar Facility on the Retained Premises
- Website maintenance and updates continued throughout the year

Correspondence

The following correspondence was received by the CTF in 2020:

- April 6, 2020 Notice of availability of the State-Licensed Disposal Area Annual Report

- Copy recipient of October 28, 2020 Letter from Ray Vaughan to DOE Re Clarification/Request for Information Regarding NDA Inventory of Pu-239 and November 23, 2020 response letter from DOE to Ray Vaughan.

All correspondence is available on the CTF website at http://westvalleyctf.org/about/ctf-correspondence/ and/or http://westvalleyctf.org/meeting-information/prior-meeting-information/2020-meeting-materials/.

Press Coverage

Press articles and coverage directly and/or indirectly mentioned the West Valley Demonstration Project and the CTF. These articles are compiled between meetings and are available with the materials for each meeting on the website at www.westvalleyctf.org. Each article is posted on the website as they are received from the agencies.

Changes in Membership

Eric Lawton retired as Superintendent of the West Valley Central Schools and thus ended his tenure as a CTF member.