

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Bill Logue, Citizen Task Force Facilitator
Date: September 15, 2021
Subject: **Summary of the July 28, 2021 Caucus Meeting**

Next Meeting

Date & Time: **September 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM**
Location: Zoom

CTF Members and Alternates Attending

Charlie Davis, Clyde Drake, John Eberth, Heidi Hartley, John Hood, Bonnie Lawrence, Kathy McGoldrick, Tony Memmo, Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Mary Reid, Pat Townsend, Ray Vaughan. Bill Townsend as temporary alternate for Pat Townsend. Facilitators: Bill Logue & Loraine Della Porta.

Caucus Meeting & Discussion

Bill Logue welcomed all present and reminded all of the CTF caucus process and ground rules. Ray Vaughan made a presentation to the members highlighting several concerns related to the CTF's capacity to understand, interpret and trust data and decisions when the Probabilistic Performance Assessment (PPA) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) is released. He illustrated the points with a number of graphics.

The central concern Mr. Vaughan highlighted is that the predictions for dose over time in the 1996 DEIS and the 2010 Final EIS are many orders of magnitude in difference, with the 1996 significantly higher. He stated that the basis for much of the difference is estimation of future erosion. He stated that when the DSEIS is released it might align with either of these prior estimates, or a third estimate. That then raises the question of which of the estimates to believe and why and why the agencies can have confidence in any newer studies. The Phase 1 Studies Erosion Studies did not resolve this discrepancy. The central concern is, if any waste remains onsite, which predictions can be trusted if one is looking 1,000 years in the future.

The group then discussed the various study processes that had been conducted over the years and the experts who conducted them. They also raised the ongoing concern of increasing extreme weather events and the impact on erosion at the site. The timing and duration of the public comment opportunities through NEPA and SEQRA and the ability of the CTF and public to comment and raise questions and concerns was discussed. The group expressed concern about the ability to do any meaningful exploration of the complex data in the time available. The conversation then shifted to how the CTF could prepare itself for when studies and the DSEIS are released. They also discussed options for longer and/or workshop formats for meetings to increase dialogue among members and with presenters and experts. The facilitator stated that when the Neptune contract is in place an update would likely be provided on where things stand with the PPA.

A theme during the discussion was the concern for the health and safety of Ashford residents, those living in the region and for future generations. The group reminded each other of the progress made at the site, particularly with respect to the vitrification of High-Level Waste.

Meeting Documents Available on the CTF Website

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Ray Vaughan Presentation	Vaughan; 7/28/21