



Transportation/Waste Committee Meeting

Date: May 9, 2007
4 – 5 p.m.

CAB Members Present: Ted Oom, Committee Chair; Walter Wegst, Ph.D., Committee Vice Chair; Dave Hermann, Bob Gatliff, Engelbrecht von Tiesenhausen

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection: Don Elle

U. S. Department of Energy: Cynthia Lockwood, NNSA/NSO

Technical Support Staff: Helen Neill, Ph.D., UNLV

Facilitator: Carla Sanda, Consensus by Design

Administrative Support Staff: Kay Planamento, Navarro Research and Engineering

Dr. Helen Neill gave a presentation entitled “Economics and Environmental Decisions: What are the issues?”

Her presentation included the definitions of Economics, Microeconomics, and Environmental Economics and the variables involved in making good decisions. She also described Economic Analysis, which includes Benefit-Cost Analysis and Cost Analysis and the factors which constitute these types of analyses. Dr. Neill also discussed the criticisms of Benefit-Cost Analysis and why these different types of analyses create controversies pertinent to radioactive waste management and cleanup issues.

Dr. Neill’s presentation was followed by a discussion and question/answer period.

Members of the Transportation/Waste Committee will be notified of the next meeting as soon as the date and topics for discussion are decided.