



MEETING MINUTES

Outreach Committee

May 14, 2008 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Members Present: Hal Sullivan, Chair; Lee Geiser, Walter Wegst

Members Not Present: Joe Boylan, Vernell McNeal, Helen Neill, Genne Nelson, Ron Salzano, Herb Spiegel

Department of Energy: Kelly Snyder, DDFO

Support Staff: Rosemary Rehfeldt, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc.; Jennifer Ward, Graduate Student, UNLV

Rosemary Rehfeldt opened the meeting with a review of the meeting's agenda, which included a review of the Oak Ridge CAB's Educational Outreach Kit, creating a fiscal year (FY) 2008 Outreach Committee Work Plan, and setting up a date and time for the next committee meeting.

Hal Sullivan began the meeting by reiterating the committee's interest in researching and creating science-based lesson plans relative to U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management Program (EM). Some of the subjects that might be investigated for this would be to define low-level waste, high-level waste, soil contamination, and water contamination on the Nevada Test Site (NTS). Mr. Sullivan suggested that lesson plans, or outreach educational kits, should be designed to be user-friendly and clearly state which Nevada Department of Education Power Standards are being met by the educational materials being used.

In accordance with the DOE Charter for EM Site Specific Advisory Boards, Rosemary Rehfeldt and Kelly Snyder gave explanations of the CAB's objective, scope of activity and duties, which are to provide information, advice, and recommendations concerning issues affecting the EM program. The committee may provide advice and make recommendations, requiring full Board approval, on EM site-specific issues that address clean-up standards and environmental restoration, and waste management and disposition. (See CAB's Charter for additional, detailed information.)

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board's *Stewardship Education Resource Kit* was briefly discussed and the committee decided to include it in its FY 2008 Work Plan for further review and investigation.

The committee created a Draft Work Plan, to be approved by the full Board, which includes the following:

- Review and analyze EM's *Operation Clean Desert* children's display, activity books and CDs

- Review the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board's *Stewardship Education Resource Kit*
- Explore the possibility of creating and distributing an electronic CAB newsletter

The committee decided to try and coordinate their next meeting on the same day as an EMPIRE Committee meeting, and Kelly Snyder will arrange to have *Operation Clean Desert* on display at the meetings for the committees to see, experience, and review. A tentative date of June 18, 2008 was discussed, with an Outreach Committee meeting to take place from 2:00 to 3:30 and an EMPIRE Committee meeting to take place from 4:00 to 5:30. Rosemary Rehfeldt will coordinate with CAB members.

Because the EMPIRE Committee is winding down and has nearly completed review of all EM public information materials, the possibility of combining the EMPIRE and Outreach committees was briefly discussed. Walt Wegst told the committee that he would raise the issue at the next EMPIRE Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.