



MEETING MINUTES

Industrial Sites Committee

December 1, 2009

Summerlin Library
1771 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89134

Members Present: Kathy Bienenstein (chair), Robert Gamble (Nye County), Phil Klevorick (Clark County), Ted Oom, Jim Weeks

Members Absent: Helen Neill (UNLV), Walt Wegst

U.S. Dept. of Energy: Kevin Cabble, Kelly Snyder (DDFO)

NNES/NSTec: Mark Burmeister, Mark Krauss, Rebecca King, Tom Thiele

Facilitator: Denise Rupp, Navarro Research & Engineering, Inc.

Corrective Action Unit (CAU) 114 – Engine Maintenance, Assembly, and Disassembly Facility (EMAD) – Work Plan Item #FY10-1

The Committee was provided a copy of the November 1996 Desert Research Institute EMAD report, an updated CAU 114 Work Schedule, and information on the Experimental Breeder Reactor I facility at Idaho National Laboratory (historical landmark and visitors' center).

Kevin Cabble reported on his conversation with Chuck Costa, of the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation. Mr. Costa advised Mr. Cabble the Foundation had no interest in the EMAD facility as a museum. However, they are interested in artifacts and will be touring the building December 16 to view possible items for use at the Atomic Testing Museum.

Regarding re-use of the facility, Mr. Cabble reported DOE Headquarters and Idaho National Laboratory, as well as several other groups, have considered the building for new projects in recent years. However, in each case retrofitting costs have been prohibitive.

Kelly Snyder reported on her conversation with the National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office, Office of Public Affairs regarding adding EMAD to the public tours of the Nevada Test Site. Such an addition would not be feasible given financial considerations and the building's location. The remote location would add approximately one and one-half hours to the eight-hour tour, with nothing of visual interest between stops.

The Committee initially agreed the EMAD facility should be saved. It is a unique structure and the scene of major endeavors in nuclear history. However, despite exploration of every conceivable alternative, the Committee acknowledged the tremendous financial and logistical challenges make such preservation unfeasible.

Ted Oom moved to recommend the EMAD facility be demolished to slab. The motion was seconded by Kathy Bienenstein and passed unanimously.

Denise Rupp will prepare a recommendation letter for the Committee to review and present to the Full Board at the December 16 meeting. This recommendation letter will include the following additional points:

- Recognize the historic significance of the facility
- EM to continue to pursue/advertise for continued use of facility
- Encourage DOE to remain open to any re-use inquiries/options between now and actual demolition
- Recommendation based on lack of interest in museum conversion, extensive retrofitting costs, maintenance costs, and accessibility

Locomotive and Train Car Disposal – Work Plan Item FY10-02

Mr. Cabble and Mark Burmeister provided photographs and a basic information on the locomotives and train cars which are to be disposed. While the locomotives were originally included in the CAB's Work Plan task, the train museum has held title to the two 120-ton locomotives since 1996. They will be transported in early 2010 and are scheduled for public use. According to a previous agreement, the tugger will be going to the Boulder train museum. Therefore, only the train cars will be included in the Committee's review.

The following information was provided regarding the project:

- All of the cars will be surveyed to determine contamination
- Although there are no obvious issues, a stability study of the rail tracks will be performed
- The manned control car is powered

Denise Rupp will prepare a formal request for additional information from the DOE, including:

- Approximate timeline for surveys and disposal of train cars
- Inventory of items to include prior use
- Any disposition options currently under consideration

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.