



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement Committee

**Nevada Site Office
232 Energy Road, North Las Vegas, NV
2:00 p.m. – September 7, 2011**

Meeting Minutes

SWEIS Members Present: Kathy Bienenstein, Donna Hruska, John McGrail, Michael Voegele, Walt Wegst

SWEIS Members Absent: John Klenke (Nye County), Phil Klevorick (Clark County)

U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE): Kelly Snyder (DDFO)

Navarro-Intera: Barb Ulmer

Public: Erika Balderson - BEC Environmental, Contractor for Nye County

Agenda Item: ***Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) Review***

- *Review all comments received from committee members*
- *Review public comments received*
- *Discuss presenting results at September 14 Full Board meeting*

Donna Hruska, Co-chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

The first item opened for discussion was review all comments received from committee members. Kelly Snyder, DDFO, compiled committee member's comments into a spreadsheet that included the page and section numbers. Committee members discussed the best approach to review and address the nearly 80 comments. The committee came to the consensus that the comments be addressed by category, as follows:

1. Transportation
2. Commercial-scale power production, i.e., solar and geothermal, is not included in the draft SWEIS
3. What is the purpose of the SWEIS as there is no major federal action motivating the update
4. Reduced Operations would have an impact on Environmental Management activities
5. Inaccuracies and Clarifications

6. If a preferred alternative is included in the final SWEIS, another public comment period should be offered.
7. The Environmental Management Program is responsible for remediation activities at the Yucca Mountain Site and these activities should be included in the draft SWEIS.

By the end of next week, Kelly Snyder will incorporate Walt Wegst comments into the compiled spreadsheet, consolidate same comments, add a column for the category designation, and e-mail to the committee. Committee members are asked to review the comments and decide whether to support or not to support each comment, and be ready to discuss at the October 4 committee meeting.

As the next item of business on the agenda, Michael Voegele, Co-chair, read a public comment received by e-mail to the NSSAB, as follows:

From: usacitizen1:

nevada govt agencies seem to be on an environmental destructive path. they just voted to allow bears to be killed. the wild horses are being exterminated weekly and nevads is not stopping this. this state is attemptng to leach national lands for its buildings instead of buying from private owners. what is going on with this state. it seems to be on a downward path, like ti is a third world country of destruction of everythign for MONEY and GREEd. i very much oppose any national site beign used in this way. i find the anti environmetnal forces based on greed and selfishness to be destroying this world for our kids lives. they need the ecology to stay alive. the greed of the nevada agencies, like this one, will destroy our childrens lives. this is the only world we have. why not protect it? we arent getting any more.
jeanpublic address if required

The last item of business was discussion of the presentation of the results to the Full Board meeting on September 14. Michael Voegele will draft a short power point presentation to be e-mailed to Kelly Snyder, no later than the close of business on Monday, September 12, for inclusion in the NSSAB meeting packet. Donna Hruska will make the presentation at the September 14 Full Board meeting that will be followed by an update by Kathy Bienenstein on the Transportation Working Group.

Important Dates for SWEIS Committee:

Wed., Sep. 14	<u>Full Board Meeting</u> ~ SWEIS Committee present comments and get feedback
Tue., Oct. 4	<u>SWEIS Committee Meeting</u> ~ finalize comments using Full Board feedback
Wed., Oct. 12	<u>Full Board Meeting</u> ~ SWEIS Committee present final comments for Full Board action
Thurs., Oct. 27 (NLT)	Approved NSSAB comments submitted for the draft SWEIS

The SWEIS Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.