



## ***Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board***

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### **Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement Committee**

**Nevada Site Office  
232 Energy Road, North Las Vegas, NV  
2:00 p.m. – October 4, 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: Denise Rupp, Barb Ulmer

A spreadsheet of Committee comments was distributed. The spreadsheet compiled all comments based on the seven major categories determined by the Committee:

1. Purpose/No Preferred Alternative
2. If Preferred Alternative, additional comment period needed
3. Solar and Geothermal
4. Reduced Operations
5. Transportation
6. Yucca Mountain
7. Inaccuracies and Clarifications

Co-chair Voegele provided a list of citations from the draft SWEIS illustrating the major federal actions planned or considered for the Nevada National Security Site. All of these federal actions require additional National Environmental Policy Act analyses. Also provided was a draft comment letter for discussion by the Committee and consideration of the Full Board.

Kelly Snyder informed the Committee that the deadline for public comment for the draft SWEIS has been extended to December 2, 2011. The Committee agreed to continue with their current schedule with presentation of the comment letter to the Full Board at the October 12 meeting.

After discussion, the following additions/changes to the letter and compiled spreadsheet were made:

- Additional comments to be added to the spreadsheet:
  - List of citations
  - It is our understanding that the current land withdrawal restrictions are not consistent with land use envisioned for certain of the potential actions described in the SWEIS, e.g. commercial solar power generation. We request DOE explain how they intend to identify the land use restrictions.
  - We understand DOE is considering the use of the NNSS for disposal of Greater than Class C waste (in fact, NNSS is a leading candidate for this disposal) and the treatment of MLLW, neither of which are addressed in the SWEIS.
- The letter will be addressed to Scott Wade, Assistant Manager for Environmental Management, with a copy to Linda Cohn, SWEIS Document Manager.
- Miscellaneous editorial changes/corrections were made to the comment spreadsheet and the draft recommendation letter.

Denise Rupp will make the changes to the draft recommendation letter for Committee review. After Committee review, the drafts will be e-mailed to the Full Board members in preparation for discussion and vote at the October 12 meeting.

Ms. Snyder read two public comments received by e-mail to the NSSAB, as follows:

**Dated:** 9/7/2011 **From:** usacitizen1:

THE PUBLIC IS SUPPOSED TO SEE THE EIS AND REVIEW IT TOO. ARE YOU KEEPING THIS DOCUMENT SECRET. WHERE IS THE OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE SEND ME A PAPER COPY OF THE EIS SO I CAN REVIEW IT AND COMMENT ON IT. PLEASE EXTEND TIME TO COMMENT AND MAKE SURE YOU MAKE BROAD OUTREACH. NEPA REQUIRES THAT YOU MAKE BROAD OUTREACH TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF PLANS, NOT KEEP THEM CLOSE TO THE VEST. THE ENTIRE PUBLIC OF THIS COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE COMMENT ON THIS PLAN. OR ARE YOU TRYING TO KEEP THIS AS A CLOSED INSIDER DEAL? 2 GLENWAY GLEMINGTON NJ 08822 JEAN PUBLIC

**Dated:** 9/11/2011 **From:** usacitizen1:

i want all wild horses and b urros and animals/birds left alone on your site. please make sure that this publci comment is considered. thanks. i don't want to be referred to aonyone else.

The SWEIS Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.