



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board

Full Board Meeting

**Aliante Station
7300 Aliante Parkway, North Las Vegas, NV
5:00 p.m. – June 8, 2011**

Members Present: Kathleen Bienenstein (Vice-Chair), Donna Hruska, Robert Johnson, John McGrail, Gregory Minden, Michael Moore, James Weeks, Walt Wegst (Chair)

Members Absent: Michael Voegele

Liaisons Present: Robert Gamble (Nye County), Tim Murphy (NDEP), Scott Wade (DOE)

Liaisons Absent: Phil Klevorick (Clark County), Genne Nelson (NPS)

Technical Support Staff Present: Dr. Helen Neill (UNLV)

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

National Nuclear Security Administration: Linda Cohn

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

Public Present: Chris Andres (NDEP), Bill McKee, Las Vegas

Agenda Review

After review, Vice-Chair Kathleen Bienenstein moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Soils Corrective Action Unit (CAU) 106 Update *(Kevin Cabble, DOE)*

CAU 106 is made up of five Corrective Action Sites (CAS) in Areas 5,11 Frenchman Flat atmospheric sites

- CAS 05-23-05 (Able) – no sampling results exceeded final action levels
- CAS 05-45-04 (306 GZ) and CAS 05-45-05 (307 GZ) – clean closure was achieved and verification samples are below final action levels

- CAS 05-20-02 (Cambric Ditch) – maximum tritium concentration in discharged water would not result in soil concentrations above the final action levels and results of soil samples collected from surface discharge location are due late June 2011
- CAS 05-23-02 (GMX) and CAS 05-45-01 (Hamilton) were transferred from CAU 106 to CAU 573

Given the sampling results, no Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) recommendation was warranted and this item has been withdrawn from the FY 2011 Work Plan.

Liaison/Staff Update *(Kelly Snyder DDFO)*

Nye County Liaison, Robert Gamble, is retiring the end of June 2011. Ms. Snyder expressed appreciation for his service to the NSSAB and Mr. Gamble introduced John Klenke, the new Nye County Liaison effective July 1.

The DOE grant for technical support to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) will end in July 2011. Ms. Snyder thanked Helen Neill for her support of the NSSAB over the last eight years. In an effort to continue this relationship, a letter offering a liaison position on the NSSAB has been sent to UNLV.

Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) Work Plan Development

(Scott Wade, DOE)

The SWEIS document is expected to be available the end of July 2011 with a public comment period running from the end of July to the end of October. Mr. Wade and Linda Cohn provided a draft of the SWEIS Table of Contents to the Board. The portions of the Table of Contents within the NSSAB purview were reviewed to assist the Board in determining what input the NSSAB may provide.

After discussion, the Board agreed to the following path forward:

- The establishment of three smaller ad hoc committees– transportation, waste management, and environmental contamination (groundwater/soils)
- Once the Table of Contents is finalized, topics will be identified by committee topic and distributed to the Board
- Board members will be asked to volunteer for membership on one (or more) committee(s)
- Committee meetings will be scheduled for August to review and comment on each topic
- Committee reviews will be presented to the Full Board at the September 14 meeting
- Board members will be asked to provide comments on each topic to the appropriate Committee Chair
- A Full Board meeting will be scheduled for October to finalize the Board’s comment letter for submittal within the public comment period

Donna Hruska moved to proceed with the identified path forward and add the SWEIS review and comment to the FY2011 Work Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Ms. Snyder confirmed the SWEIS Review and Comment letter could be added to the NSSAB’s FY 2011 Work Plan for completion by October 31.

Committee Updates

Greater Than Class C (GTCC) - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Letter *(Kathy Bienenstein, Committee Member)*

The Committee incorporated Board comments received after the May 11 Full Board meeting and presented two versions of a comment letter for Board discussion and approval. The second version includes the addition of an appendix providing greater detail for each issue outlined in the comment letter. Comments focus on Nevada National Security Site issues with additional concerns regarding broader regulatory issues.

After discussion, Robert Johnson moved the comment letter be approved with the discussed addition to Appendix Item 1 and editorial corrections. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DOE Update *(Scott Wade, DOE)*

- **FY 2011 and 2012 Budgets**
FY 2011 DOE budget includes an approximate ten percent reduction for the national Environmental Management program with additional reductions expected in FY 2012. As a result, the Nevada Site Office EM budget has been reduced. Generator sites are continuing to send waste to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) this fiscal year. This is creating challenges in that budget reductions may reduce the ability to accept the projected volumes of waste in Nevada. A copy of a letter from Senator Reid to the DOE regarding waste will be provided to the Board.
- **Public Notification of Corrective Actions** for June 2011 was provided
- **CAU 566 Rail Cars**
The DOE response to the NSSAB recommendation regarding CAU 566 Rail Cars was received and Rob Boehlecke provided additional details regarding the closure in place of CAU 566.
- **Groundwater Well Development and Testing Tour**
In response to a public request at the Groundwater Open House held in Beatty last month, a tour of groundwater well development and testing is being organized. NSSAB members were invited to participate with Members Kathy Bienenstein, Donna Hruska, Robert Johnson, and Jim Weeks and Liaison John Klenke expressing interest. The NSSAB office will provide additional information to all members as it becomes available.

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs Meeting Update *(Walt Wegst, Chair)*

The EM SSSAB Chairs meeting will be held June 15-16 at Aliante Station in North Las Vegas. A NNSS tour is scheduled for June 14.

Other NSSAB Business *(Walt Wegst, Chair)*

- **July 13 Meeting Cancellation**
As a result of the meeting scheduled for June 8, the regularly-scheduled July 13 meeting has been cancelled.
- **Self-funded Meals at Board Meetings**

As discussed at the May 12 meeting, the Board has agreed to self-fund meals at Full Board meetings held in locations where outside food may be brought in. Board members were asked to assist staff in the logistics of meal delivery to minimize impact on the meeting. The Board determined a donation of \$10 per person is needed from those wishing to participate. Monies were collected from interested parties for the September 14 Full Board meeting.

- Next Full Board Meeting

The next Full Board meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the Atomic Testing Museum, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Member Greg Minden moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.