



PROGRAM UPDATE

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Welcome to the July – September 2004 issue of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) Program Update. This publication is designed to provide a status of activities from various offices within LM.

In this issue of the Program Update, we are highlighting an operations grant awarded to the Paducah-Area Community Reuse Organization (PACRO) and some of the activities of the site transition teams.

THE OFFICE OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Previously, DOE fiscal year (FY) operations grants, with a value of \$250,000 each, went to nine community reuse organizations (CROs) that support efforts to diversify the economy in communities that surround DOE facilities. PACRO is the tenth CRO to receive an operations grant in FY 2004. Both LM and the Economic Development Administration within the Department of Commerce approved the grant applications.

The grant will be used to assist in economic development efforts. PACRO's goal is to create jobs and expand economic development opportunities that will ensure a future for the community surrounding DOE's Paducah Site.

PACRO serves four counties in western Kentucky and one county in southern Illinois. The CRO was formed to mitigate the impacts of downsizing at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant through:

1. entrepreneurial programs,
2. industrial parks,



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3. seed funds for existing businesses, and
4. a facility reuse program.

PACRO is governed by a 26-member Executive Committee representing such areas as business, labor, education, and economic development from impacted counties. A general assembly of approximately 60 members, who participate in various PACRO subcommittees, advises the executive committee, and an 11-member finance committee approves all financial matters.

OFFICE OF POLICY AND SITE TRANSITION

Site Transition Efforts

Basic Framework of Site Transition – Requirements associated with the transition of sites and the management of projects are contained in DOE Order 430.1B, *Real Property and Asset Management* and DOE Order 413.3, *Program and Project Management for Acquisition of Capital Assets*. Within this overarching framework, the Office of Environmental Management (EM) and LM have created transition teams at each site to plan and conduct the transition from EM to LM. The transition teams use two key tools to successfully carry out the transition effort:

1. the Site Transition Plan (STP) and
2. the Site Transition Framework (STF).

The STP represents EM and LM's joint expectations for the set of transition activities and the site conditions at the time of transfer to LM. The STP Guidance provides information on what is expected in terms of content, timing, and development process for each STP. The STF contains the set of requirements each site has to meet before it can be transferred. The STF (requirements that have to be met) and the STP (activities to meet the requirements) are designed to be used together.

As directed by the Assistant Secretary of EM and the Director of LM, each transition site was required to develop and submit the STP by the end of FY 2004. LM will coordinate the reviews with EM counterparts (October-November 2004.)

What do the transition teams do?

The following items summarize what LM's site transition teams do. In short, the site transition teams are involved with everything that is needed to allow LM to successfully



prepare to safely and cost-effectively manage the site and associated activities, once the programmatic responsibility has been transferred.

- Assess the condition and location of the site's records and take custodianship.
- Assess and transfer databases and/or the information needed for post-closure operation.
- Meet with stakeholders during the site transition process and prepare an approach to post-closure public involvement.
- Assume responsibility for providing local public access to the Administrative Record. Digitize the Administrative Record so it can be accessed on the Internet.
- Where applicable, ensure an approach is in place to maintain continuity of benefits to former contractor workers.
- Review real property records for the affected property and surrounding areas and take custody of those records. Verify that all relevant data are in the facilities information management system.
- Review the status of institutional controls and take over responsibility for monitoring and enforcing them where appropriate.
- Negotiate the post-closure agreement with the appropriate regulators.
- Ensure that cleanup has been completed and documented appropriately and that the requirements for any post-closure surveillance and maintenance activities have been adequately identified.
- Review the status of the environmental remedies and prepare a Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance Plan that ensures the remedies will remain protective.
- Plan how to manage the existing natural, cultural, and historical resources during post-closure.
- Make sure that contracts or agreements are in place with the appropriate organizations and companies that are needed for post-closure operations, including security and emergency response.



- Conduct an inspection of the site to verify site conditions upon readiness to transfer.
- Prepare cost estimates for post-closure based on the estimates provided by EM.

Site Transition Schedule

The following table shows LM’s expected schedule for sites coming into LM, which is dependent on EM’s cleanup schedule. If EM accelerates its cleanup completion at a particular site, LM will make every attempt possible to be prepared to accept the site at the earlier date. If EM’s cleanup schedule is delayed, LM’s schedule will be adjusted to reflect the latest schedule. The Office of Policy and Site Transition is developing a configuration control process for the management of the site transfer schedule.

Current Site Transfer Schedule				
Sites	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
EM	General Atomics, Missouri University Research Reactor, Geothermal Test Facility, and Project Chariot	Laboratory for Energy Related Health Research and UC Davis	Rocky Flats, Fernald, Mound, Ashtabula, Columbus, and Nevada-Offsites (8)	Inhalation Toxicology Laboratory, General Electric, and Energy Technology Engineering Center
Uranium Mill Radiation Tailings Control Act	3 Sites	5 Sites	10 Sites	1 Site
Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program	New Brunswick, NJ	Wayne, NJ	Painesville, OH	5 Sites
Total	8 Sites	8 Sites	24 Sites	9 Sites

Updates on site-specific transition status will be provided in the next program update.



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