

**ROCKY FLATS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION**

**July 6, 2000
6 — 9:30 p.m.**

**College Hill Library, Front Range Community College
3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, Colorado**

FACILITATOR: Reed Hodgkin

Gerald DePoorter, the Board's chair, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Betts, Eugene DeMayo, Jerry DePoorter, Joe Downey, Jeff Eggleston, Victor Holm, Jim Kinsinger, Bill Kossack, Tom Marshall, Mary Mattson, LeRoy Moore, Bryan Taylor / Steve Gunderson, Jeremy Karpatkin, John Rampe, Tim Rehder

BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Gallegos, Mary Harlow, Markuené Sumler

PUBLIC / OBSERVERS PRESENT: John Marler (RFCLOG); David Grover (DNFSB); Laura Sweeney (Ames Lab); Gustavo Hervarte (Iowa State University); Tom Steward (CDPHE); Jyoti Wind (CCNWI); Gloria Constantin (CCNWI); P.J. Timmerman (U.S. GAO); Roman Kohler (citizen); Ann Lockhart (CDPHE); Doug Young (Mark Udall's Office); Kathy Wahlberg (CDPHE); Ken Korkia (CAB staff); Erin Rogers (CAB staff); Deb Thompson (CAB staff)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No comments were received.

UPDATE ON WASTE AND SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS SHIPMENTS FROM ROCKY FLATS: Dave Hicks from DOE-RFFO gave an update on SNM shipping at the site. Significant progress was made during the last fiscal year in shipping special nuclear materials. However, acceleration is needed to achieve the goal of getting all SNM offsite by 2002. The site had 9.8 metric tons of plutonium metals and oxides. All plutonium pits were shipped offsite; the majority went to Pantex. The majority of the metals and oxides will be shipped to the Savannah River Site, for which some shipping has begun. The site also had 6.7 metric tons of highly enriched uranium. The majority of the HEU went to Oak Ridge; however, there is a small quantity of HEU that is still contaminated with plutonium and thus it cannot go to Oak Ridge. That material will go to the Savannah River Site. During this fiscal year, all scrub alloy has been removed from the site, and the site has initiated classified plutonium shipments to the Savannah River Site. Over 50 percent of the metal shipments planned to go to Los Alamos have been completed. The shipping schedule had to be compressed because of a 10-month delay in the stabilization and packaging system, but Dave stated that DOE is committed to removing all SNM by September 2002.

Next, John Rampe gave a brief report on the status of shipping low level and low level mixed wastes. The RFCA milestone was to ship 6,000 cubic meters during this fiscal year.

ADMIN RECORD

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That milestone was exceeded; the site has shipped more than 7,500 cubic meters to date and plans to ship another 1,500 cubic meters through September 30. For FY2001, more than 7,000 cubic meters should be shipped; another 25,000 to 35,000 per year is expected to be shipped each year through to closure in 2006. However, an approved disposal site is needed by FY2002 for "orphan" wastes. The original shipping plan for TRU waste was to reach a RFCA milestone this year of 86 shipments. That was delayed due to the certification of a RCRA Part B Permit by the New Mexico Environment Development. The site's current shipping plan is to complete 45 shipments; 28 shipments (634 drums) have been completed through July 6.

REVIEW AND APPROVE RFCAB 2001 WORK PLAN AND BUDGET: In development for the past few months, and finalized at the annual retreat held in June, the Board approved its work plan for 2001. This work plan marks a return by the Board to its former process of working through standing committees. Three standing committees will do most of the work in the coming year.

- The **Environmental Restoration Committee** has an extensive work scope. One of its primary focuses will be involvement with the newly formed RFCA Stakeholder Focus Group. Other issues include continuing study related to the Soil Action Levels and remediation of the 903 Pad; general study of remediation technologies; tracking issues related to the RFCA annual review; and reviewing documents and providing comments on the Industrial Area Sampling and Analysis Plan, RFCA Standard Operating Protocols for Remediation Techniques, and the RFCA Integrating Decision Document.
- The **Actinide Migration Evaluation Technical Review Group (TRG)** continues its work through 2001, monitoring the progress of the Actinide Migration Evaluation. In addition, the following issues have been added to the TRG's scope of work: tracking and studying water quality issues, surface water standards, and the site's preparation of a land configuration study.
- The **Stewardship Committee** also has ongoing activities related to its interaction with the Rocky Flats Stewardship Working Group, a joint dialogue group with the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments. Additional work scope for 2001 includes several natural resources management issues such as the Rock Creek Reserve, vegetation management, issues related to any controlled burn at the site, expansion of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's wind test site, and the draft legislation on future use of the site proposed by Senator Wayne Allard and Congressman Mark Udall.

The Board, through its work plan, will also track other topics. These include general D&D issues, the site baseline, disposition of waste and special nuclear materials, community emergency preparedness, worker health and safety, and the progress of cleanup and closure. The Board will continue to serve as the contracting agent for the ComRad Program. Intersite discussions will also be key for the Board in this work plan, in particular the Board's hosting of the EMSSAB Stewardship Workshop to be held in Denver at the end of October.

The Board simultaneously approved a budget with this work plan. The budget covers 15 months, beginning October 1, 2000 and running through December 31, 2001. A total of \$678,209 in new grant funds is requested. Of that amount, \$187,500 is for the ComRad Program, and the remaining \$490,709 will cover RFCAB costs and contractual projects for that 15-month period. A formal grant request will be submitted to DOE-RFFO for approval.

The Board's current grant expires on September 30 of this year.

REVIEW AND APPROVE LETTER TO SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD AND CONGRESSMAN MARK UDALL ON FUTURE USE BILLS FOR ROCKY FLATS:

At the June Board meeting, following a presentation to the Board on two pieces of draft legislation regarding the future use of the Rocky Flats site, the Board convened a subcommittee to develop comments on that legislation. A recommendation was then developed and approved by the Board, and will be sent to Senator Allard and Congressman Udall. The recommendation letter makes the following points:

- The Board supports continued federal ownership of and responsibility for Rocky Flats.
- Cleanup levels should be determined through the RFCA process, and legislation cannot be used to dictate a less stringent cleanup at the site than agreed to under RFCA.
- Public involvement in land management decisions must be inclusive and comprehensive. RFCAB wants to be a primary participant in designing any public participation process, and in developing any recommendations.
- The Board prefers that the federal government or some other public entity acquire privately held mineral rights at the site. Any costs for acquiring these rights should be appropriated separately, and not reduce Rocky Flats cleanup funding.
- RFCAB urges both offices to craft a bipartisan bill that can be introduced in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

REVIEW AND APPROVE LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN SALAZAR:

A letter, which will be sent to Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar, was approved by the Board. The letter asks that the Board be included in any future correspondence from his office regarding any Rocky Flats related issues.

REVIEW AND APPROVE COMMENTS ON RFCA STANDARD OPERATING PROTOCOL FOR BUILDING DISPOSITION:

Another subcommittee reviewed this draft document on behalf of the Board and returned with specific comments it felt should be included in a recommendation from RFCAB. The recommendation was approved (with two members standing aside), and requests the following issues be included in various sections of the final RSOP for Building Disposition:

- Include a more definitive explanation of buildings, specifically any cluster that includes Type 3 facilities.
- Address any lapse of time between demolition and environmental restoration, by presenting a plan to stabilize contamination resulting from demolition activities until environmental restoration activities commence.
- Evaluation for the use of explosive processes should involve regulatory, local government and public input before action is taken.
- Address the importance of harmful impacts to surface water through the creation of a remedial plan.
- Ensure that air pollutants are not released to the environment due to demolition, especially as a visible cloud of dust that would alarm the public.

Finally, the Board asked that somewhere in the document be included the definition for the term "unrestricted release," and also that the document state how it will determine that any building meets the criteria for unrestricted release.

FOLLOW-UP MOTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION APPROVAL

PROCESS: One Board member, Ray Betts, voiced concerns about the process for approving recommendations. He made a motion for the Board to consider, stating that "tonight's decision to accept the committee's report (i.e., the recommendation on RSOP for Building Disposition) not be used as a future precedent for committee reports until the Board discusses how it approves recommendations." The motion was seconded and approved. The Board will schedule such a discussion on its agenda within the next few months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Erin Rogers has resigned from the Board, and will leave on September 30. Deb Thompson suggested to Ken Korkia that the Board consider assigning Erin's communication and outreach duties to her. Ken agreed, and recommended that the Board change Deb's job description and title to include communications activities. A new job description will be written for the position vacated by Erin Rogers, and that position will now focus primarily on public policy and research duties. The Board adopted Ken's recommendation, agreeing to give the additional duties to Deb with an increase in salary from \$32,790 to \$35,000 per year, beginning October 1. Her new title as of that date will be Office and Communications Coordinator. Ken will rewrite the job description for the Program Coordinator position prior to advertising the vacancy.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: August 8, 6 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: College Hill Library, 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster

Agenda: Update by Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; conversation with new site manager, Barbara Mazurowski; presentation on Kaiser-Hill Sitewide Baseline

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY: ASSIGNED TO:

1. Prepare and submit 2001 grant application to DOE - Deb Thompson
2. Make changes to recommendation, finalize and submit to Senator Wayne Allard and Congressman Mark Udall - Erin Rogers
3. Send letter to Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar - Erin Rogers
4. Make changes to recommendation, finalize and submit to Kaiser-Hill - Erin Rogers
5. Revise Program Coordinator job description to include new work scope - Ken Korkia

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 P.M. *

(* Taped transcript of full meeting is available in CAB office.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mary Harlow, Secretary
Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board



The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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