

Topics

- β Discussion of Nuclear Materials Disposition EIS
- β Planning for Transportation Workshop

Attendees

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board	Bob Tabor Fawn Thompson Tom Wagner
DOE	Randy Janke Johnny Reising
Fluor Daniel Fernald (FDF)	Tisha Patton
Ohio EPA	Kelly Keletsky
Phoenix Environmental	Gwen Doddy Doug Sarno

Meeting Summary

Discussion of Nuclear Material Disposition EIS

Because Gene Willeke could not attend the meeting, he prepared a statement concerning the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Removal of Nuclear Materials from Fernald. Willeke wants a full-board recommendation to stress the importance of removing the waste from the Fernald Site rather than recommending shipping the material to a specific site. Willeke questioned why the EA evaluated an earthquake and fire scenario, but not damage from wind. Moreover, Willeke questioned why the structural status of individual buildings was not reported in the EA.

Randy Janke answered Willeke's questions and gave a brief overview of the history of the Nuclear Material Disposition. First, Janke answered that standard DOE regulations call for a worst case accident scenario to be reviewed in the EA; therefore, accidents due to earthquake and fire were evaluated in the EA rather than accidents due to winds. Second, Janke answered the concern about the building status. The DOE believes a commercial vendor will take the materials within ten years; therefore, the building structure was not considered in the EA.

Randy Janke told the committee that the Field Office Manager at the Oak Ridge site has the authority to determine a location for Fernald's nuclear materials. The Field Office at Oak Ridge is revising the EA and developing a comment paper. A decision is expected in June and transportation of the materials could also occur in June. Once the materials arrive at the chosen site, Fernald will pay for the maintenance of the materials for two years. After two years, Oak Ridge will pay for the maintenance of the materials until they leave Oak Ridge.

Johnny Reising stated that funding for the nuclear materials is not in the budget, approximately 60 million dollars are needed for the disposition of the nuclear materials and 938 metric tons of nuclear materials that have been declared waste. If Fernald does not receive additional funding, the money will be taken from other projects.



It was decided to develop two recommendations for the full board. One to support the EA and removal of nuclear materials from the Fernald Site. A second to support additional funding to deal with the nuclear materials problem.

Planning for the Transportation Workshop

Sarno updated the Committee on the Transportation Workshop. The Workshop was discussed at the SSAB Chairs meeting on February 20. The Chairs agreed to limit the number of people from each SSAB to ten, with five members and five non-members recommended. They also agreed to event-specific outcomes, one or two statements with signatures of all those who agree with the statements. The facilitators and administrative assistants will hold a series of conference calls to prepare for the workshop.

Next, Sarno reviewed an example of a fact sheet template. The purpose of the fact sheet is to provide information quickly and to have as a reference. The fact sheets will have different topics, e.g. emergency response capabilities, graphs of material disposition, and recommendations. Additional information sheets will be a list of WebPages and other resources on transportation.

Kelly Kaletsky asked Sarno if vendors could set up examples of shipping packages so the attendees could see the packing materials. Because the parking lot at the Vernon Manor is small, Tom Wagner suggested using a parking lot at the University of Cincinnati.

Wagner suggested having a power point presentation with all the possible rail routes from all the sites and lying one route on top another until all were there. Sarno added the power point presentation could be after the welcome and explanation of the workshop.



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