



MEETING SUMMARY

Date: March 13, 2003

Topics:

- Recent Documents of Interest
- FCAB Coordination with other Closure Sites
- MUEF Feasibility Study

Attendees:

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

Jim Bierer
Marvin Clawson
Lisa Crawford
Steve DePoe
Pam Dunn
Bob Tabor

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Edwa Yocum
Carol Schroer

The Perspectives Group

David Bidwell

U.S. Department of Energy

Gary Stegner

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Donna Bohannon

Fluor Fernald

Joe Shomaker
Sue Walpole

Others

Jim Innis

Recent Documents of Interest

David welcomed the committee members to the meeting and explained that Doug Sarno was unable to attend, due to weather-related travel delays.

David quickly reviewed the executive summary of the draft *Long-Term Stewardship Science and Technology Roadmap*, developed by DOE Idaho for the Office of Long-Term Stewardship. David explained that he had just recently obtained a copy of the report and did not have time to review it carefully. Lisa Crawford stated that she was notified of the availability of the document by the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability. The draft was not sent directly to the FCAB. David noted that comments on the document would be accepted until April 15, 2003. The committee concluded that this was not adequate time for a careful review of the document and asked David to draft a letter to request that the comment period be extended. Members stated that the letter also should ask why the draft "roadmap" was not distributed directly to SSABs and why input from the public living near closure sites was not sought. Pam Dunn suggested that the letter ask how many other documents are being produced, about which the FCAB has not been notified.

David distributed a summary of the U.S. EPA draft guidance on Institutional Controls. Comments on this draft are due to EPA on April 19, 2003. David stated that this draft guidance serves more as a menu of what is possible in terms of Institutional Controls, rather than a specific prescription for how sites should plan or implement them. Pam Dunn noted that this guidance would replace an existing EPA guidance for Institutional Controls. She suggested that Gene Jablonowski be asked to compare the new guidance with the existing guidance, before the FCAB determines if it should provide comments. Gary Stegner stated that the Fernald site would submit comments on this draft.

David distributed a matrix outlining information needs for closure sites, which was developed by the DOE Grand Junction Office. He stated that a column that designates information that would be used by the public might be of particular interest to the committee members. David noted that this matrix is not a specific guidance for closure sites, but urged the committee members to review it prior to the April 10 Stewardship Committee meeting, because representatives from the Grand Junction Office and the new Office of Legacy Management will attend that meeting. Committee members suggested that copies of the FCAB's report, *Telling the Story of Fernald*, be available to these visitors at the next meeting.

FCAB Coordination with other Closure Sites

Gary stated that the Grand Junction Office is unlikely to host its meeting on long-term stewardship scheduled for June in Denver. Earlier this year, the FCAB indicated that it might organize an event for closure sites, in conjunction with Grand Junction's meeting. David asked if Stewardship Committee members were still interested in coordinating with the community members from other closure sites in the DOE Complex, such as Rocky Flats, Weldon Spring, and Mound. He noted that the Oak Ridge board has also shown an interest in stewardship issues. Committee members stated that a meeting for closure sites would be beneficial, but identified several issues that need to be resolved, including funding, a federal sponsor, and goals for the meeting. Pam Dunn offered to discuss the idea with representatives from Rocky Flats and Oak Ridge when she attends the Chairs meeting at the end of March. She will also suggest the idea to Mike Owen, interim manager of the Office of Legacy Management, who will attend the Chairs meeting. Pam also stated that she would discuss this idea at the annual meeting of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability, which may include members of communities with smaller DOE sites. Jim Bierer stated that if crosscutting issues could be identified beforehand, the community members could discuss them via conference call or email.

MUEF Feasibility Study

David announced that he was still developing an estimated cost to study the feasibility of constructing a multi-use education facility (MUEF) at the Fernald site. He announced that he had recently spoken with representatives from COSI Studio in Columbus, Ohio. This division of the well-known science museum consults on outside museum and exhibit projects. They are developing a cost estimate for conducting a charrette focused on exhibits and education programs. David stated that COSI Studio could also help the committee estimate cost for construction, maintenance, and staffing of the MUEF.

Sue Walpole reviewed the Stewardship Toolbox materials related to education programs conducted at the site. She showed the committee some of the most popular curricula that were developed by the site. According to Sue and Joe Shomaker, the demand for these programs continues to outstrip their ability to provide them. Sue stated that area teachers have voiced a strong interest in science-based education programs. Bob Tabor stated that this information would be important in persuading elected officials to support the construction of a MUEF.

Pam Dunn asked how the cost of leasing office space in Springdale related to the cost of constructing a MUEF. She asserted that DOE could build the facility and use it for office space as remediation of the site nears completion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the T-1 trailer.