



Hanford Advisory Board

Executive Summary

April 6-7, 2000

Richland, Washington

Tri-Party Agreement

The Board discussed the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) in depth, looking at cleanup along the Columbia River, the Central Plateau, the River Protection Project and TPA compliance issues. The objective for this meeting was for the Board to gain a broad understanding of the TPA to assess the "health" of the TPA at a future Board meeting. Presentations were given by Todd Martin, Physicians for Social Responsibility, in place of HAB Vice Chair Ken Bracken; Harry Boston, U.S. Department of Energy-Richland (DOE-RL); Bill Taylor, DOE-Office of River Protection (ORP); Laura Cusack, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology); Roger Stanley, Ecology; and Mike Gearheard, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Cleanup Along the River - 618 Burial Grounds

The Board discussed the upcoming Record of Decision (ROD) for remediation of the 618-10 and 618-11 burial grounds with remove, treat, dispose (RTD) as the preferred alternative. Stakeholder participation in the ROD process is a key concern due to elevated levels of tritium detected and the accessibility of the burial grounds to the general public and the Columbia River. The Board reached consensus and adopted HAB Advice # 106 without any abstentions or objections.

DOE Budget Development

Budgets for the DOE-Richland and the DOE-Office of River Protection were presented for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999, 2000, 2001. An overview of the FY 2002 budget process and an update on the FY 2002 Integrated Priority Lists that was sent to DOE-Headquarters from DOE-RL and DOE-ORP were provided to the Board. The Board held extensive discussion on draft advice on the FY 2002 Integrated Priority Lists for DOE-RL and DOE-ORP to identify key issues.

HAB Advice # 107 was approved by the Executive Committee based on the discussions at the HAB meeting and sent to Carolyn Huntoon, DOE-Headquarters, Dick French, DOE-ORP, and Keith Klein, DOE-RL, on April 20, 2000.

Tank Waste Treatment

The Board received an update on the DOE-Office of River Protection (ORP) Alternatives Study report that examined financing and contract alternatives for the Tank Waste Treatment program. Suzanne Dahl, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Gerry Pollet, Heart of America Northwest, presented on the alternatives study report. The Board also discussed draft advice from the Tank Waste Treatment Ad Hoc Committee on holding a regional forum and returned the advice to the committee for further development.

Update on Spent Nuclear Fuel

The Board received an update on the Spent Nuclear Fuel program and the baseline change request to

accelerate removal of sludge from the K Basins, in exchange for delaying fuel removal by one year. Acceleration of this program may result in cost savings that can be applied to other site cleanup projects. Approval of the baseline change request was expected to follow in the near future.

Health of the Site Conference

The Board discussed the Health of the Site conference, which is co-sponsored between the University of Washington and the Washington State Department of Health annually with the goal of making technical Hanford issues accessible to the general public. A letter of HAB support to the University of Washington on the Health of the Site conference was adopted.

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