



Hanford Advisory Board Draft Meeting Summary NOVEMBER 7-8, 1996 Richland, Washington

HRA-EIS/CLUP

The Board was updated on the purpose and need of the HRA-EIS which was stated to be analysis of land use alternatives and impacts of completed, ongoing, and potential remedial action alternatives, rather than to set cleanup levels. After discussion on both days of the Board's meeting, it was agreed that the Board would not provide advice on the HRA-EIS/CLUP. Board members will express their issues and concerns about this document to DOE on an individual basis.

Institutional Controls

The Board heard from the Health, Safety, and Waste Management Committee, EPA, Washington Attorney General's Office, and the Department of Energy on the use of institutional controls at Hanford. From this background information, several issues and concerns were highlighted and the issue was sent back to the Health, Safety, and Waste Management Committee for advice development for the December Board meeting.

Board Adopts Charter Amendment

The Board agreed to changes its charter so that two seats will be made available specifically to representatives from regional universities, the Local Business-Agriculture seat will be transferred to a Public-At-Large seat, and that geographic diversity is recognized as an important component of the new Public-At-Large seat.

Board Adopts Advice on Project Hanford Management Contract

The Board heard from Hank Hatch, president of Fluor Daniel Hanford, regarding the transition activities of the Project Hanford Management Contract and the costs associated with it. In addition, he reported on the subcontracting process and how Fluor Daniel Hanford will hold the levels of subcontractors accountable for cost and safety. The Board agreed to send advice which listed concerns to be addressed, including independent validation of cost estimates, cost savings and rewards for schedule acceleration based on current baseline, early emphasis on Activity Based Cost estimating for overhead costs, use of new baselines to negotiate incentives for overall cost savings, justification of cost savings, accountability of multiple-layers' contractors, and implementation of economic transition goals.

Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment

The Board heard from the advisory group and technical experts working on the Columbia River Comprehensive Impact Assessment regarding the objectives of the project, results achieved to date, and future activities. This subject will be discussed by the Environmental Restoration Committee which will be preparing advice for the December Board meeting.

Board Adopts Advice on FY'97 Budget Allocations

The Board heard from DOE regarding the FY'97 budget allocations and how DOE-RL is working with Fluor Daniel Hanford to ensure that work continues while work scope is being examined based on information provided by Westinghouse Hanford Company. The Board agreed to send advice which addressed the shortfall in FY'97 funds and recommendations for ensuring that important cleanup work continues. These recommendations included allocation of the \$15 million set-aside for technology development, \$8 million needed for 324 Building B Cell cleanout, vadose zone characterization, use of \$15 million in unexpended funds for workforce separation and \$14 million from FY'96 uncosted funds privatization reserve, and expedited review of the schedule and milestones with effort to reduce TWRS management costs and overhead.

Board Adopts Advice on Non-Proliferation Assessment of Fissile Materials

The Board agreed to send advice to DOE asking for an expansion of the public comment period for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Disposition of Fissile Materials.

TPA Negotiations on Reactors on the River

The Board heard from Ecology regarding the upcoming start of negotiations regarding interim safe storage and final disposition of the 105 reactor buildings. The Environmental Restoration and Health, Safety, and Waste Management Committees will be submitting comments on the negotiations and the Board will be consulted as the process continues.

Fast Flux Test Facility Update

Jim Mecca, DOE, provided a presentation on the status of FFTF as an option for tritium production, costs associated with production, and the decision-making process. If a decision is made in December to consider FFTF as an option for tritium production, a year-long NEPA process would begin and the Board would be involved in the decision-making process.

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