



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD
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Agenda

1995 Fall Board Meeting

Strategic Concerns, Total System Performance Assessment

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Gallery

Ballroom
October 17-18, 1995

Tuesday, October 17

STRATEGIC

CONCERNS

8:30 A.M.

Welcome and introductory remarks

John Cantlon

Chair, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB)

8:40 A.M.

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) report

Daniel Dreyfus, Director

- Update on recent activities
- Fiscal year 1996 budget-based priorities
- Director's perspective on the future course of the program

9:10 A.M.

Questions/discussion

9:25 A.M.

Update on exploratory studies facility (ESF) progress

[Richard Craun](#)

Department of Energy (DOE)

9:45 A.M.

Questions/discussion

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- 9:55 A.M.** **Update on scientific investigations**
[William Boyle](#), DOE
- 10:15 A.M.* *Questions/discussion*
- 10:25 A.M.** **BREAK (15 minutes)**
- 10:40 A.M.** **Discussion with congressional staff**
Alex Flint — legislative assistant to Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM)
Sam Fowler — senior minority counsel, Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Sue Sheridan — minority counsel — House Committee on Commerce
Troy Timmons — professional staff member, House Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
- Perspectives on recent and upcoming legislation
- 11:40 A.M.** **National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report: Technical Bases For Yucca Mountain Standards**
[Robert Fri](#), Chair, NAS committee
- 12:10 P.M.* *Questions/discussion*
- 12:25 P.M.** **LUNCH (1 hour)**
- 1:25 P.M.** **DOE reaction to NAS standards report**
[Stephan Brocoum](#), DOE
- Implications of different kinds of standards for the program
 - Performance assessment insights
- 1:55 P.M.* *Questions/discussion*
- 2:10 P.M.** **Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) analysis of the different standards using performance assessment**
[John Kessler](#), EPRI
- Two NAS standards report models
 - HR-1020 standard
 - Significant contributors to the different performance measures
 - Problems and uncertainties in calculating the different performance measures
 - Implications for site characterization, waste isolation strategy

2:30 P.M. *Questions/discussion*

Tuesday, October 17 (continued)

- 2:40 P.M.** **Waste isolation strategy update**
[Stephan Brocoum](#), DOE
[Jean Younker](#), TRW Environmental Safety Systems (TRW)
Management and Operating Contractor (M&O)
- Report from the M&O
 - New issues
 - Critical assumptions
 - Program implications
 - Performance assessment backup of waste isolation strategy

3:20 P.M. *Questions/discussion*

3:40 P.M. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

- 3:55 P.M.** **Round-table discussion of major issues: NAS standards report, waste isolation strategy, and congressional staff perspectives**
- What are the strategic and tactical implications involved?
 - How can the viability of the geologic disposal program be maintained?
 - What are the resultant priorities?
- Moderator — Jared Cohon, NWTRB
Participants: Daniel Dreyfus (OCRWM), Robert Fri (NAS), John Kessler (EPRI), [Stephan Brocoum](#) (DOE), [Jean Younker](#) (TRW-M&O), Margaret Federline (Nuclear Regulatory Commission), Robert Loux (state of Nevada), William Magavern (Public Citizen), [Lawrence Weinstock](#) (Environmental Protection Agency), Steven Kraft (Nuclear Energy Institute), Robert Williams, and Chris Whipple (IFC Kaiser).

5:10 P.M. **Public comment**

5:25 P.M. **Session closing remarks**
John Cantlon, NWTRB

5:30 P.M. **Recess until 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, October 18**

Wednesday, October 18

8:30 A.M. **Session introduction**
Donald Langmuir, NWTRB

TOTAL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (TSPA) - 1995

8:35 A.M. **Introduction**
[Abe Van Luik](#), DOE

8:45 A.M. **Objectives/approach**
[Robert Andrews](#), INTERA (M&O)

9:05 A.M. *Questions/discussion*

9:15 A.M. **Ambient and thermally perturbed flow in the unsaturated zone**
[Srikanta Mishra](#), INTERA (M&O)

9:45 A.M. *Questions/discussion*

9:55 A.M. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

10:10 A.M. **Waste package degradation model and results**
[Joon Lee](#), INTERA (M&O)

10:40 A.M. *Questions/discussion*

10:50 A.M. **Engineered barrier system release model and results**
[Jerry McNeish](#), INTERA (M&O)

11:20 A.M. *Questions/discussion*

11:30 A.M. **LUNCH (1 hour)**

12:30 P.M. **Geosphere transport and release/dose**

[David Sevougian](#), INTERA (M&O)

1:15 P.M. Questions/discussion
Wednesday, October 18 (continued)

1:30 P.M. Volcanism effects and consequences
[Bruce Crowe](#)
Los Alamos National Laboratory

1:45 P.M. Questions/discussion

1:55 P.M. Summary and recommendations
[Robert Andrews](#), INTERA (M&O)

- Key uncertainties
- Alternate system performance measures
- Implications for site and design

2:15 P.M. Questions/discussion

2:25 P.M. Concluding remarks
[Eric Smistad](#), DOE

2:35 P.M. BREAK (15 minutes)

USING PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

2:50 P.M. Making use of performance assessment: lessons learned
[Paul Davis](#)
Sandia National Laboratories (SNL)

- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, New Mexico
- Greater Confinement Disposal Program, Nevada
- Yucca Mountain, Nevada

3:20 P.M. Questions/discussion

3:30 P.M. BREAK (10 minutes)

3:40 P.M. Round-table discussion: the uses of TSPA
— Can TSPA be used to set priorities now?
— What are its limitations?
— How can it be made more useful?
— How valid are assessments of compliance?
— Can a simplified TSPA be developed and used effectively?
Moderator: Donald Langmuir, NWTRB

Participants: Abe Van Luik (DOE), Eric Smistad (DOE), Robert Andrews (INTERA-M&O), Paul Davis (SNL), John Kessler (EPRI), Ben Ross (Disposal Safety), Steve Frishman (state of Nevada), [Norman Eisenberg](#) (NRC), Chris Whipple (IFC Kaiser), and Robert Bernero.

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| 4:50 P.M. | Public comment |
| 5:20 P.M. | Session summary Donald Langmuir, NWTRB |
| 5:25 P.M. | Closing remarks John Cantlon, Chair-NWTRB |
| 5:30 P.M. | Adjourn |