

FINAL MEETING SUMMARY

**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 5, 2012
Kennewick, WA**

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Welcome and Introductions

Liz Mattson, Hanford Challenge and Hanford Advisory Board (HAB or Board) Public Involvement and Communications (PIC) Committee Chair, welcomed the committee and led a round of introductions. Liz reviewed the agenda.

The committee adopted the April meeting summary.

Susan Hayman, EnviroIssues, explained that PIC meeting summaries cannot be posted on the HAB website until they are approved by the committee. Given the infrequency of PIC in-person meetings, Susan asked if the committee would be willing to approve meeting summaries on committee calls in-between meetings. The PIC committee agreed.

In her opening, Liz:

- Indicated the importance for PIC committee members to review the Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit (Site-Wide Permit) draft advice prior to the full board meeting. Liz noted that members should focus on the five pages of advice points rather than the two addendums which provide background information.
- Thanked Steve Hudson for his work on the State of the Site (SOS) meetings draft advice which was very compact.
- Welcomed two newly appointed Board members in attendance – Becky Rubenstrunk and Ed Revell.

Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Agencies Public Involvement Calendar Update

Emy Laija, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provided committee members with copies of the updated Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) Agencies Public Involvement Calendar and reviewed upcoming dates of importance (Attachment 1). She noted the Hanford Site-Wide Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit (Site-Wide Permit) comment period has been extended through October 22nd and additional public hearings will be held on September 13th (Portland) and September 19th (Seattle). Dieter Bohrmann, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), remarked that the comment period was extended because Ecology wanted to ensure people had enough time to thoroughly review the permit before providing comments.

Emy pointed out that the scoping period for an Environmental Assessment (EA) on Hanford Site Land Conveyance will occur from mid September to mid October. During the scoping period the Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a public meeting in Richland and they are open to suggestions for engagement opportunities from the PIC committee. Paula Call, DOE-Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL), explained that the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) requested a transfer of 1,641 acres of land for economic development. DOE is considering the request and is required to conduct an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Paula indicated DOE is reviewing land conveyance because it provides DOE more options to consider the request (lease, transfer, easement, etc.). Paula explained the NEPA process and timeline for the land conveyance. The first phase is scoping, where DOE will ask the public and stakeholders to provide concerns on the proposed action. After the 30-day scoping period, DOE will use that input to draft an EA, which should go out for review sometime in 2013. After the EA review, DOE would decide whether or not there is a significant impact on the environment. If there is no significant impact, then the agency could proceed and make a final decision. Otherwise, DOE would have to draft an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct further environmental analysis.

Emy noted the following items on the public involvement calendar:

- A 30-day comment period will start on September 20th for the Department of Navy Final EA on the Disposal of Decommissioned, Defueled, Navy Reactor Plants for USS ENTERPRISE.
- The River Corridor – Central Plateau TPA Change Package is under negotiation among the TPA agencies. Emy was unable to provide a schedule for when the Change Package would be released for a 45-day comment period.
- The EA for Expansion of Borrow Areas on the Hanford Site’s comment period will start in October.
- A 30-day comment period will be held on the Hanford Natural Resource Damage Assessment Injury Assessment Plan beginning November 16th. More information on the plan is available at www.hanfordnrda.org.
- The first comment period for the River Corridor decision documents and proposed plans is anticipated in February of 2013 for the 300 Area with the 100-K Area following in May of 2013.
- A Draft Natural Gas Pipeline and Natural Gas Utility Service EIS will be ready for a 45-day public comment period in July 2013.

Committee Discussion

The key points of the discussion on the TPA agencies’ public involvement calendar include:

- It was recommended that the public meeting on the Hanford Site Land Conveyance EA be held the week of October 9th during HAB committee week. This would allow PIC committee members to attend. It was also recommended that DOE should provide other examples of land conveyance at Hanford for the public.
- Will public comment actually impact the River Corridor – Central Plateau Change Package
 - *(EPA) Public comments have a big impact on previous change packages.*
 - *It is preferable to provide comments on topics prior to the Change Package negotiation process rather than they are completed. (EPA)The TPA agencies prefer to be in agreement on negotiations before involving the HAB.*
- The Tank Closure Final EIS is not on the calendar. Do the TPA agencies plan on holding a public meeting to provide an opportunity to discuss the FEIS?

- *Marybeth Burandt, DOE-Office of River Protection (DOE-ORP) would be happy to provide a briefing for any organization interested in learning about the FEIS. Public meetings are not planned. An additional note is that the FEIS is likely to be released in December.*
- Are the River Corridor proposed plans closure plans?
 - *(EPA) No. The proposed plans will be used to create Record of Decisions (RODs) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).*
- Would be possible for the HAB to continue providing input on drafts of the River Corridor proposed plans, as they did for the 300 and 100-K areas. Reviewing early drafts of documents is useful because it gives the Board an opportunity to see what the TPA agencies are considering.
 - *(EPA) The agencies want to ensure the documents are of high enough quality to be worth the Board's time to review. There is a difficult balance of allowing input too early and allowing it early enough to be useful in shaping the document.*
- Is the TPA agencies public involvement calendar was available to the public online?
 - *(EPA) The calendar is available on Ecology's website only at this time, but it could be added to the DOE website as well (this was noted as an action item).*

HAB Member Interactions Regarding Hanford Cleanup

Liz explained that HAB members have a responsibility to network with their constituents and raise awareness about the Hanford cleanup. Liz indicated that the TPA agencies were interested in learning what HAB members are doing to raise awareness and understand what HAB members are doing, how are they successful, and how can lessons learned from HAB member efforts can be used in wider public involvement strategies.

Tiffany Nguyen, DOE-RL, remarked it would be great to include information on HAB member activities to raise awareness on the Hanford cleanup with DOE headquarters and other organizations.

Committee Round-Robin

PIC committee members individually shared the activities and tools they use to engage the public about the Hanford cleanup. For a full list of activities and tools identified, please see Attachment 2, Transcribed Flip Chart Notes. The PIC committee identified some important themes based on this discussion roundtable, including:

- The significance and effectiveness of one-on-one personal contact between Board members and the public.
- The importance of taking advantage of non-traditional opportunities, such as book club discussions or happy hours.
- The commonality of providing opportunities for education within these interactions.

Emy remarked that round-robin was very valuable and thanked the Board members for reaching out to the public and getting people interested in the Hanford cleanup.

Liz proposed adding an agenda item at each PIC meeting for members to share and track members recent outreach efforts. The committee agreed.

Metrics of Successful Meetings

Ken Niles, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) explained that recent meetings held by the TPA agencies on the River Corridor and ODOE on the transportation of hazardous materials were lightly attended, but provided excellent forums for meaningful discussions. Ken indicated it may be useful for the PIC committee to discuss what makes a good public meeting and what strategies can be used to increase the success of public meetings. Additionally, Ken noted the PIC committee was interested in hearing from the TPA agencies on the feedback they received on the River Corridor meetings and whether the agencies thought they were worthwhile even with the small turnout.

Agency response

Emy said that EPA considers more than the number of attendees in measuring the success of a public meeting. Emy noted that in her experience, smaller meetings often allow for more substantive conversations. She typically reflects on whether the meeting allowed for good discussion, new people attended, and whether previous meeting attendees returned.

Tiffany remarked that DOE reviews both the attendance and the quality of the discussion at public meetings. One lesson DOE has learned from the River Corridor meetings is to better anticipate the expected attendance so they can adjust the venue and resources allocated for the meeting.

Dieter said that Ecology believes attendance is not the best measure of public meetings. As an example, Dieter shared that at the recent Site-Wide permit meeting in Portland there were 150 attendees compared to a meeting in Spokane with 15 attendees. Yet, Ecology thought the Spokane meeting was more productive because there was a better discussion.

Committee discussion

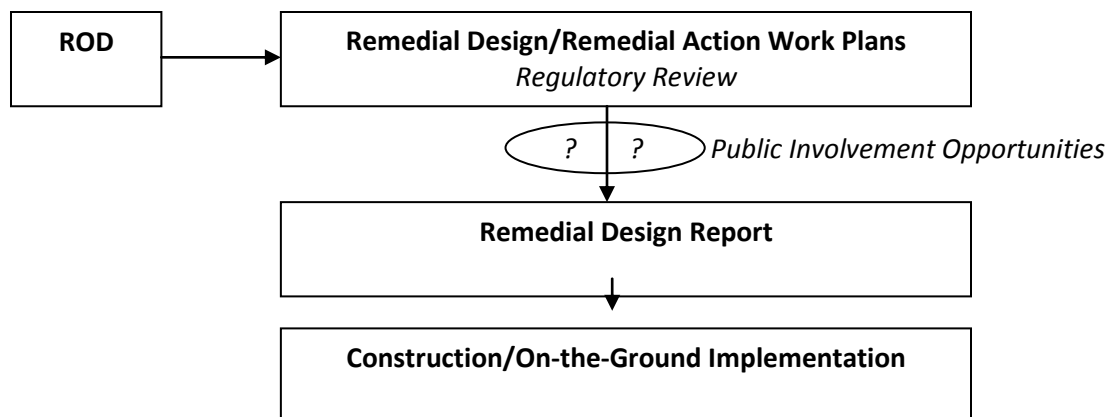
The committee discussed ideas for why certain public meetings are successful and how to create successful public meetings in the future. The committee noted the following key points:

- Planning public meetings around focused discussions or offering time for small breakout groups encourages more meaningful conversations.
- Collaboration between TPA agencies and HAB members in the design and planning of public meetings allows HAB members to assist in gauging anticipated attendance, identify key discussion topics for the meeting, and help publicize the meeting.
- The River Corridor meetings were so successful was because they educated the attendees on a topic, allowed the public to ask questions about their concerns, and then highlighted what attendees could do to get involved.
- Key attributes in planning a successful meeting are clearly articulating the meeting's goals upfront, understanding the anticipated audience, and identifying good, dynamic speakers who will present at the meeting.
- TPA agencies should consider having informational meetings early in the public comment period before they release a decision document. These meetings could focus on educating the public. Then, later in the comment period, the agencies could have public hearings to get input from a more informed public.
- There is a need to start identifying metrics based on lessons learned and what makes meetings successful. These metrics could be used in planning future meetings.
- One possible metric is to offer attendees an opportunity to provide feedback electronically following a meeting.

The PIC committee determined to continue to think about what makes a good public meeting and how to measure the success of public meetings. The committee may decide to provide advice on this topic based on further discussions.

Post-Decision Public Involvement

Emy explained that CERCLA does not require public involvement once a CERCLA Record of Decision (ROD) is issued. Emy noted that the ROD represents the cleanup decision, but that there are still lots of questions about the implementation of that cleanup which the public could provide input on. Emy said that the TPA agencies are asking the PIC committee for ideas on how to structure post-decision public involvement opportunities. Before opening the discussion to the PIC committee, Emy provided the graphic below to indicate the post-decision process:



Emy noted the complexity of involving the public and the Board in the post-CERCLA ROD process. The documents released after the RODs are highly technical and it would be difficult to release a draft work plan for the public to review. Instead, it might be best if the agencies frame the questions or topics of the design where public input would be most useful.

Committee discussion

The following are the key points noted during committee discussion:

- PIC members were excited about the idea of working with the TPA agencies on developing post-decision structures to allow for public involvement.
- The committee would like the public to have an opportunity to review the draft remedial design/action work plans as well as the schedule for the CERCLA RODs.
- Post-decision public involvement is especially important for decisions that garnered a lot of interest and concern from the public.
- One PIC member noted that it seems like the best opportunity for public involvement is after the remedial design/remedial action work plans and the release of the remedial design report.

The PIC committee agreed that this discussion provided a good framing for future discussion. Liz noted that the discussion should focus not just on post-decision involvement but also public involvement post-finalized documents, especially for documents that are controversial.

Tank Closure and Waste Management FEIS and ROD (Joint topic with TWC and RAP)

Pam Larsen, City of Richland, reviewed the background of the Tank Closure and Waste Management (TC&WM) EIS. The Board provided advice and comments on the draft EIS (DEIS) and there was a lot of public concern and interest in the DEIS. Now, three years after the comment period it seems the final EIS (FEIS) will be released in November or December. HAB Advice #256 (June 2012) stated the Board's concern about potential elements of the FEIS and the need for additional time between public release of the FEIS and subsequent RODs for HAB and public review of the contents. The Board has received responses to HAB Advice #256 from DOE and Ecology and the PIC, RAP, and TWC committees are interested in reviewing these responses and discussing how the Board should prepare for the FEIS's release.

Responses to HAB Advice #256

HAB members discussed DOE's response to HAB Advice #256. They were disappointed with their sense of the vagueness of the response. The Board advised DOE to extend the public review period to 90 days and include public meetings; the response simply stated that DOE will provide a 30-day review period consistent with regulatory requirements with no explanation of why DOE did not accept the Board's advice. Additionally, the committee noted that DOE didn't respond to four of the advice points. Given the amount of public and HAB input and involvement that occurred during the comment period on the DEIS, the committee is concerned about the seeming disinterest in working with the public on understanding the FEIS and how DOE responded to the public's concerns and comments.

The committee noted that they have issued advice indicating how the HAB would like to see advice responded to (i.e. point by point, and stating why advice was not accepted). As such, the committee would hope that DOE would consider these requests while preparing advice responses.

Suzanne Dahl, Ecology, thanked the Board for their advice and support for a supplemental vitrification facility. Suzanne noted that Ecology responded to this piece of advice to confirm their support, but that Ecology did not feel the advice was directed at them (which is why they didn't respond to the request for public meetings).

The committee was surprised by Ecology's focus on alternative glass forms in their response, since that was not the major point in the advice. Additionally, the committee was disappointed that Ecology did not mention public involvement since it seems easy for them to support.

The PIC discussed their dissatisfaction of recent responses to the Board's advice, noting:

- The lack of depth of responses.
- The delays in receiving responses to advice.

- The TPA agencies should be providing responses on each advice point indicating whether they accept the advice or not. For those advice points that the agencies do not accept, they need to explain their reason for not accepting the advice.

The PIC decided to have Susan Leckband, Board chair, bring up the topic of responses at the Board meeting and gauge the response from the TPA agencies before moving forward with a formal letter or advice.

Tank Closure and Waste Management FEIS and ROD Schedule

Sharon Braswell, MSA provided the committee with a NEPA process diagram identifying where in the process the TC&WM FEIS and decision is at (Attachment 3). DOE is estimating the FEIS will be released in December; Marybeth will keep HAB members informed. Sharon noted that there will be seven major decisions that DOE will make which could be packaged as one ROD or several RODs. There is no official schedule on when the RODs will be released or how they may be packaged. The seven major decisions addressed by the FEIS include:

1. Storage of tank waste
2. Retrieval of tank waste
3. Treatment of tank waste
4. Disposal of treated tank waste
5. Closure of single shell tank system
6. Disposal of Hanford waste offsite, DOE low level waste and mixed low level waste
7. Final decommissioning of the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF)

The FEIS will not address:

1. Double shell tank closure
2. Waste treatment plant closure
3. Groundwater remediation
4. CERCLA past practice units
5. Deactivation of FFTF
6. Disposition of cesium/strontium capsules

7. High level waste, transportation, and disposition
8. And other topics...(Suzanne noted that this list could be extensive, and was intended only to be illustrative of the major topics of interest)

The committee discussion of the FEIS schedule noted the following:

- The need to discuss a schedule of public involvement with the Board so they can adequately engage in the release of the RODs.
- Allow public discussion of what the FEIS contains and the changes from the DEIS.
- The importance of providing enough time for the public to review and understand the FEIS.
- The potential need to provide additional advice to reiterate HAB Advice #246.
- The suggestion that members of the TWC, RAP, and PIC committees identify specific questions about the TC&WM FEIS for Marybeth and provide them to her so she can prepare a briefing during January committee week.
- The suggestion that the HAB should articulate what concerns them most about the upcoming FEIS.

The committee members decided to ask Marybeth to brief them (via a committee of the whole) on the changes in the FEIS once it is released. Additionally, they will discuss how best (and when) to provide input on the RODs. The following path forward was identified:

- October committee meetings – Identify issue managers from committees to review the FEIS (joint issue manager team).
- Issue Manager Team develops questions for Marybeth (what concerns HAB most) for an initial, high-level briefing (December webinar?)
- Committee of the Whole
 - Schedule of RODs and actions
 - Response to other more detailed questions identified by the IMs during the December briefing/webinar

Committee Business

Review public involvement values in the HAB Values White Paper

Ken explained that the draft HAB values white paper is proposed to be finalized at the November Board meeting (Attachment 4). Each committee has been reviewing the paper and providing feedback. Ken noted that there is only one value specifically regarding public involvement. Susan H. indicated that only one edit was made by the PIC committee during their July review. The committee decided to finalize their review on the September committee call.

Update 6-month work plan

Susan H. proposed the PIC committee establish a 3-month work plan instead of a 6-month workplan (Attachment 5). Given the variability and uncertainty about upcoming ROD releases and committee work, a 3-month work plan allows for greater flexibility. The committee agreed to develop a 3-month workplan on the next committee call.

Identify topics for the September committee call

The committee identified the following topics for their September 20th committee call:

- Create a 3-month committee workplan
- Review the HAB values paper

Review follow up items

Susan H. reviewed follow up and action items:

1. Track the schedule and progress for the Environmental Assessment for the Hanford Site Land Conveyance – including a public meeting in October 2012.
2. Establish a link to the TPA Agencies Public Involvement Calendar on the DOE Hanford website.
3. Steve Hudson will share his contacts with college professor and instructors to Ken Niles.
4. Include in the agenda for each PIC meeting a round-robin on outreach efforts of committee members.
5. Potential discussion of advice on attributes for a good public meeting.
6. Continue post-decision public involvement opportunities discussion.

7. Continue to review TPA agency responses to HAB advice and potentially draft advice on improving these responses.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Tri-Party Agreement Agencies – Public Involvement Calendar Fiscal Year 2012
 Attachment 2: PIC Meeting Transcribed Flip Chart Notes
 Attachment 3: The NEPA Process
 Attachment 4: Hanford Advisory Board Values DRAFT
 Attachment 5: PIC 6-Month Work Plan

Attendees

HAB Members and Alternates

Shelley Cimon	Steve Hudson	Gerry Pollet
Sam Dechter	Pam Larsen (phone/in person)	Ed Revell
Dirk Dunning (phone)	Susan Leckband	Becky Rubenstrunk
Dale Engstrom (phone)	Liz Mattson	Dick Smith (phone)
Norma Jean Germond	Ken Niles	Bob Suyama
Laura Hanses	Vince Panesko	Jean Vanni

Others

Paula Call, DOE-RL (phone)	Dieter Bohrmann, Ecology	Barb Wise, MSA
Tiffany Nguyen, DOE-RL	Madeleine Brown, Ecology	Sonya Johnson, CHPRC
Cate Alexander, DOE-HQ	Suzanne Dahl, Ecology	Carol Slack, WRPS
Elizabeth Schmitt, DOE-HQ	Ginger Wineman, Ecology	Daniel Brody, EnviroIssues
Emy Laija, EPA	Sharon Braswell, MSA	Susan Hayman, EnviroIssues

Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Tools/Techniques

Hanford Challenge (Liz Mattson)

- Social media
 - When and where things are happening
- “Inheriting Hanford”
 - Mentoring project
 - Informal opportunities to get together
 - Monthly happy hours, etc.
 - HAB social events
- Annual summer ice cream social
 - Work for your ice cream
 - Bloggers picked up this event

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

Hanford Challenge (continued)

- Haiku calendar
- Monthly discussion groups – Liz’s home
- Boat trips of Hanford site (5-10 times/year)
- Newsletter
- Assume as a starting point that people don’t know about Hanford

ODOE (Ken Niles)

- 5 different fact sheets (2 pages in color)
 - Easily updated
 - Hanford cleanup (general)
 - Groundwater
 - Tanks
 - Navy
 - Energy preparedness
- 20 year history (publication)

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Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Tools/Techniques (continued)

ODOE (continued)

- Website with photos, etc.
 - Other info
- Facebook (maybe) and other social media
- Transporting waste public meetings
- College presentations
- 5 week/weekly webinar – for students (colleges, etc.) on Hanford
 - Groundwater, transportation, general, tanks, NRDA
- Saturday market information table
- Fair booths
- Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

Hanford Watch (Steve Hudson)

- Information clearinghouse, contacts
- Regular contacts with university professors/staff
- Steve – personal network
- Note: best feedback on items with crisp, photos, etc. → attention getting
- Big listserv (Hanford Watch)

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

Hanford Watch (continued)

- Personal communication/networking

TRIDEC (Ed Revell)

- Personal – history of interest in issues
- TRIDEC → issues papers, etc.

League of Women Voters (Susan Leckband)

- Communicate issues to LOWV
- Post meetings on personal Facebook
- On lots of listservs and pass along information

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

LOWV (continued)

- Share all sides – B Reactor docent
- Doctor office – leave materials (advice, annual reports, etc.)

Public-at-large → Oregon (Norma Jean Germond)

- Get/answer questions
- Book club discussion
- “Opportunistic” conversations

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

Yakama Nation (Jean Vanni)

- Monthly report to council chair
- Individual networking
- Government to government interactions

Public-at-large (Laura Hanses)

- Personal networking
- Source of information for employees

Public-at-large (Sam Dechter)

- Personal networking – try to connect to “why you should care”

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

Hanford Communities (Pam Larsen/Vince Panesko)

- Speakers bureau
- Newsletter
- TV programs (also coordinate with Portland, Spokane, etc.)
- Officials/briefings
- Personal networking
- Invite B reactor tours – network

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Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Tools/Techniques (continued)

- Personal parties – “scholarly” networking

HOANW (Gerry Pollet)

- Prehearing workshops and meetings (Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Hood River, etc.)
- Network with other groups in producing/sharing materials.
 - Including listservs/email/Facebook
- UW and Seattle University classes and internship
- Taping hearings and rebroadcast (TVW)

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Tools/Techniques (continued)

HOANW (continued)

- Member updates of current issues (bi-annually)
 - Phone conversations
- Many other activities and tools

Energy Communities Alliance (Ed Revell)

- Round robin – what is being accomplished at Hanford
- Service club speakers

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Themes/Topics

- History
- What’s going on now?
- Public meeting opportunities
- Assume people “don’t know” about Hanford when starting interactions
- Non-traditional opportunities to reach people
- Educational component
 - Issue-related topics
 - Accomplishments
 - Current challenges

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Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Generally...

- When investing a great deal in outreach, expectation for greater attendance
- Right agency folk + right participants = successful discussion
- Use “stakeholder” conference call as a means for stimulating/projecting turnout (prior to meetings)
- Public hearings are for public comment. Dialogue meetings are different (different objectives/format)

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Generally... (continued)

- Easy access to information
- Want to have more people at meetings (not have staff outnumber public)
- IDEA: Having discussion workshops ahead of public hearings might make hearings/decisions less contentious
 - Public more informed
- 3 factors
 - education
 - Q&A of consequences
 - How to get involved

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Generally...(continued)

- Goals, speakers, format count...also audience you are targeting (and how you outreach to them)
- What I like to see at public meetings (could be a metric)
 - Background
 - Problem
 - Resources available/contacts
 - Possible solutions
- Be able to articulate “why you should care”
- Go where the people already are (e.g. malls, fairs, etc.)

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Generally...(continued)

- Seems at times that when in “formal comments,” and no response even for simple questions during this period, this causes problems

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Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

RC/ODOE Meetings

- RC meetings → great speaking skills/opportunity for discussion
- Meetings unrelated to a specific decision/document
- Low attendance but high quality conversations
- Staffed “conservatively” – not a lot of staff/management involved
- Lessons learned:
 - Take a “pulse” of public to get a sense of attendance
 - Small discussions better conversation

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How to Measure Meetings? (Utility/Effective?)

- Not just on # of people who attend (but this is noted) → sizing expectations
- Civility of conversation
 - May be easier when not for a specific document/decision
- Who attended (e.g., new people, spectrum of interests)
- How do I feel at the end of a meeting (and how do others feel)
- Evaluate based on the meeting objective

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How to Measure Meetings? (Utility/Effective?) (continued)

- Follow regulations/rules for prescribed meetings
- Feedback opportunity (elect.) as a means to measure interest in meeting/outcome
- # of people who stop by info kiosk

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Post Decision Public Involvement/Finalized Docs

1. A “new box” – CERCLA doesn’t require public involvement in design/implementation phase
2. How has HAB interacted with agencies in decision/implementation phase?
 - a. Identify opportunities (calendar, access to docs)
 - b. How might HAB interact in future?
3. Where is the balance between policy level advice and technical implementation

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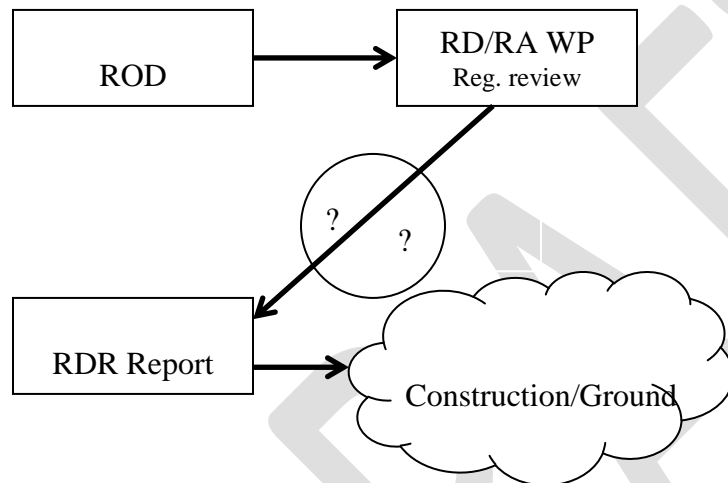
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Post Decision Public Involvement/Finalized Docs (continued)

4. Where are the best placed for HAB/public input in design/implementation phase (see Emy's diagram)
5. How do you catch up the public post discussion when there has been a long interval between analysis and decision?
6. How much will conflict influence the kind and amount of post decision input?

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Emy's CERCLA Post Decision Process Diagram



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Comments on DOE Response to HAB Advice #256

1. Don't feel DOE responded with why DOE didn't accept 90-day review
 - a. Would like this in comment response document
2. Response doesn't respond to other bullets (only first and third)
3. Frustrating that PI process can't be modified/more open, given the intense interest in this doc

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Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Comments on DOE Response (continued)

4. “Pre-100” advice regarding how agencies respond to advice. Hope DOE will look at that.
5. Didn’t address CEQ requirement for preferred alternative
6. 30 day waiting period principally to allow interaction or give public input. Doesn’t require feedback

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Ecology’s Response Comments

1. Take exception to 3rd paragraph regarding borosilicate. Think EPA should be willing to support exploration/comparison of other glass
2. Surprised of no mention of public involvement

For both –

- Disappointing at lack of depth in response, delay.

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EIS Schedule

- Once DOE receives General Council approval
- 7 decision docs based on EIS - Schedule not yet available
 - Storage of tank waste
 - Retrieval of tank waste
 - Treatment of tank waste
 - Disposal of treated tank waste
 - Closure of SST system
 - Disposal of Hanford waste and offsite DOE LLW and mixed LLW
 - Final decommission of FFTF

HAB would like input on ROD schedule and “configuration” of decisions.

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Tasks – Potential

1. Assign committees to review EIS and how parts address public comment

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Attachment 2 – PIC Transcribed Flip Chart Notes

Path Forward

- Form joint IM to develop questions for Marybeth (what concerns us most) at briefing (high-level)
- Joint briefing (TWC, PIC, RAP or COTW)
 - Webinar of high points in December?
 - Schedule of RODs and actions
 - At earliest opportunity
- October committee meetings – Identify issue managers from committees to review the FEIS.

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September 20 Committee Call

- 3 month work plan (need priorities, TPA PI Calendar)
- HAB values white paper

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Follow Up

1. Track EA – Hanford Land Conveyence
 - a. Perhaps public meeting during Oct committee week (Susan H)
2. Add website link to PI Calendar and DOE website (TPA)
3. Check on website for Borrow site EA (Emy)
4. Steve Hudson to share lists of instructor contacts to Ken Niles
5. Add outreach found robin to PIC agenda.

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Follow Up (continued)

6. Potentially consider advice on speaker selection (attributes) (importance to public involvement and communication) (Ken Niles - draft November PIC meeting)
7. Look for earliest opportunity to have post-decision/final doc
8. Reiterate desire for more depth in agency responses to advice. Be diligent in advice review. Review process for agency responses
 - a. Go back to early advice
9. Follow actions for Joint IM on EIS

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