

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,
NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION
YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2005

Irene Navis, chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Irene Navis welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), and asked them to introduce themselves. **Members present** were Curtis Brown, Michael Cyphers, Peggy Maze Johnson, Clete Kus, Melvin McCallum, Calvin Meyers, Irene Navis, Sheri O'Berto, Maggie Plaster, Frank Perna, Ned Thomas, Daryl Thomé, Richard Wells, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused** were Brok Armantrout, Louis Carr, Dona Fairchild, Mayor Nicholes, and Dr. William Wells. **Members absent** were Caren Levenson, Carolyn Goolsby Manuel, Maria Rodriguez, and Eric Young.
- 2. Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** The members present constituted a quorum. The minutes from March 28, 2005, were approved.
- 3. Select a new chairperson for the Committee:** Irene Navis was elected chair, and Maggie Plaster was elected vice-chair.
- 4. Interlocal Agreements:** Irene Navis explained the process for providing oversight funding to cities and tribes. Cities and tribes are not recognized as members of the AULG. Therefore, Clark County shares some of the funds Clark County receives with them through interlocal agreements. These funds are also used for public safety, impact assessments, land use impact studies, public outreach, community indicators associated with impact assessment, and travel associated with public outreach.

 - Irene asks each city and tribe to name their point of contact for billing and invoice paying. Please give that information to Barbara Blumer, 702-455-5591, e-mail bbr@co.clark.nv.us, or Post Office Box 551741, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1741
 - A study, prepared by Clark County contractor Urban Environmental Research, LLC, (UER) will be presented to the Board of County Commissioner's (BCC), August 16, 2005, 9:00 a.m. UER will brief the BCC on the report, An Update of the Projected Impacts to Clark County and Local Governmental Public Safety Agencies Resulting from the Transportation of High-Level Nuclear Waste to Yucca Mountain. This report looks at total life cycle costs. It analyzes the gap between costs related to for shipments of nuclear waste and normal public safety costs, and is offered as a tool for use by transportation agencies to do a similar assessment.
 - Irene distributed hand outs: 1) The Salt Lake Tribune, *Rail cars: Rolling targets*; and a report written by Nathan Christiansen, NWC Associates, *Highway and Rail Hazardous Materials Incidents Report for Calendar Years 2000-2005 (Exhibit B)*.
 - Frank Perna asked that the cities, county, and state contribute money or participate somehow in the Western Shoshone law suit to show solidarity. Irene said that Clark County has offered many times to provide money to the Western Shoshone through an interlocal agreement. However, no response was forthcoming from them. Irene also explained money funded by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act cannot be used for litigation. Money that was previously used by Clark County, when it joined the state's law suit, came from the general fund.

- Peggy Maze Johnson said that the Western Shoshone's attorney, Bob Hagger, asked for an injunction to stop all work on Yucca Mountain while the law suit regarding the falsification of data in the modeling program is resolved. Peggy will ask Bob to send information on the lawsuit.
- Irene said that the revised Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard is due to be announced anytime. EPA has asked for feedback on what is an accepted level for public meetings. We should respond with a letter that indicates the accepted level for public comment, i.e., the time period for comment should be extended, and EPA should not hold meetings on the eve of a national holiday. Peggy Maze Johnson said that EPA should have a minimum of six months' comment period. Irene will write a letter on behalf of the committee, and prepare a separate letter from the BCC.

5. DOE Progress and Member Updates:

- Frank Perna referenced the Las Vegas Sun article, dated August 5, 2005, *Plane crash risks left out of Yucca Plan (Exhibit C)*.
- Irene Navis commented about the community survey regarding impacts from Yucca Mountain on property values. Sixty-two percent felt that Yucca Mountain would negatively impact home values—decline in value. Forty-three percent felt that transportation would negatively impact housing values, too. Results will be released soon by Clark County officials. The Committee will receive the results from this survey as soon as possible.
- Frank Perna feels there is low citizen activism regarding Yucca Mountain.
- Irene Navis explained that Clark County has an average of 5,000 new residents monthly, and they probably are not aware of impacts resulting from Yucca Mountain.
- In response to recent DOE/IG audit issues, Irene Navis said that Clark County did not misappropriate or mispend Yucca Mountain oversight money received from the federal government. All monies spent were allowed under a Department of Energy previously approved work plan.
- Nathan Christiansen was introduced by Irene Navis. He is working on a report comparing the Waste Isolation Plant Project in New Mexico, and Yucca Mountain, Nevada.
- Nathan will prepare a white paper on interaction between railroads and state and local governments. The DOE plans to have their draft environmental impact statement for the Corridor finished by the end of this calendar year.
- Irene Navis will invite Dr. Fred Millar, who assisted in writing an ordinance to reroute nuclear waste around Washington, D.C., to speak to this Committee.

6. Next meeting date: To be announced.