

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,
NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION
YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 20, 2006

Irene Navis, chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Irene Navis welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), who introduced themselves. **Members present:** Curtis Brown, Lisa Corrado, Cleveland Dudley, Jared Gerber, Clete Kus, Caren Levenson, Melvin McCallum, Calvin Meyers, Irene Navis, Frank Perna, Maggie Plaster, Maria Rodriguez, and Ned Thomas. **Members excused:** Peggy Maze Johnson, Daryl Thomé, Dr. William Wells, and Holly Woodward. **Members absent:** Brok Armantrout, Mayor Nicholes, and Eric Young.
2. **Consideration of Minutes:** The May 9, and June 13, 2006, minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **DOE Progress and Member Updates:**
 - The Department of Energy, published a new Yucca Mountain schedule in The Las Vegas Review-Journal, July 19, 2006 (**Exhibit B**).
 - The following handouts were distributed: a statement made by Edward F. Sproat III, Director, Office of Civilian Waste Management, July 19, 2006; DOE's news release, *DOE Announces Yucca Mountain License Application Schedule*, dated July 19, 2006; and, Clark County news release, *Yucca Mountain's New Project Schedule Still Faces Numerous Challenges*, issued July 20, 2006 (**Exhibit C**).
 - The Nuclear Waste Policy Act provides for a three-year time frame to review the license application, with a provision for a possible, one-year extension. The NRC expressed doubt if a review of the license application would be completed within a three-year time frame.
 - The Las Vegas Sun article, dated July 11, 2006, *Nuclear Waste Proliferation, A Russian Dump Doesn't Let Yucca Off*, is at **Exhibit D**.
 - The draft for infrastructure improvements at the Yucca Mountain repository site was released for review and comment. Comments are due around the end of August.
 - The Community Survey is being updated; the Intelligent Transportation Symposium book is at the publishers; the non-public safety report is being worked; and the revised state laws report for transportation of nuclear waste will be available soon.
 - Major, regional emergency operation centers were visited to glean information on their public safety and preparedness regulations for high-level radioactive wastes. This data is being used as a benchmark for future reports. The County Manager will be briefed, and given recommendations from this study.
 - Public Outreach: Preparing a book to brief Commissioners, media, or anyone who has interest in Yucca Mountain. This will cover a historical perspective, as well as frequently asked questions. Presentations to the community and schools will be increased.
 - The Radiation Basics DVD is part of the science curriculum at schools now. The DVD is available to the teachers through a video streaming process.
 - A video is being planned, focusing on the Moapa Indian Tribe.
 - Public Survey: Include new residents in the survey. The County should send them information.
 - Mr. Sproat's third objective addresses the federal government's mounting liability associated with unmatched funds to remove spent fuel from nuclear plant sites. Concern is that the political push on Yucca Mountain ties together Homeland Security, the energy shortage, foreign policy, and GNEP. Mr. Sproat's other comments did not include science, and did not include the fact Nevada has logical reasons for not wanting nuclear waste—scientific reasons why Yucca Mountain has been delayed since 1998. America currently stores nuclear waste in 11 different foreign countries.
 - Price Anderson Act reduces power plant operator liability.

- No funds, by law, can be used from the nuclear waste funds to reimburse the nuclear industry. The funding comes from the federal government's general funds (tax payer's money).
- The Fix Yucca Bill strips the state's and local government's flexibility to take action to ensure Yucca Mountain is based on sound science and public safety.
- North Las Vegas is working on major transportation corridor plans.
- A study has begun on land use that involves 200 major projects; i.e., major residential, large commercial developments, and casinos. Each of these may be affected by transportation of high-level radioactive nuclear waste along Interstate 15.
- The Moapa Band of Paiutes is concerned about the DOE's proposal to build a road to the top of Yucca Mountain. A large rock on the top of the hill is part of their medicine, and religion, and may be threatened. This concern will be stated in their EIS.
- The committee should discuss the content of information presented by DOE on bus tours, and look at publication of the schedule in order to have others sign up for the tour.
- Clark County should have fact sheets distributed on DOE's tours.
- The City of Las Vegas is working on a communications plan for outreach efforts. The City will offer training on the community monitoring program.
- All of the cities (in Clark County) are using the monitoring program.
- Clark County will offer a workshop to committee members, tribal representatives, cities, other affected units of local government, and interested general public.
- September 30, 2008, is the date when any entity participating in the licensing support network should be certified.
- Nevada rail construction may start before the site license is approved. The DOE construction start date should be clarified.
- An objection was made to summarizing committee minutes vs. verbatim reporting.

4. Approval of BCC Position Statement for future Outreach Materials. Held to next meeting since presenter not available.

5. BCC Resolution Re: GNEP. Held to next meeting since presenter not available.

6. Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items: The next meeting is tentatively set for Monday, August 21, 2006, Mesa Room, 9:00 a.m.

Peggy Maze Johnson requested that an issue between Citizen Alert and Aztec Communication be placed on an agenda for committee consideration and resolution.

After a discussion, a majority of the Committee members agreed that this committee is not the appropriate forum to be hearing issues between Citizen Alert and Aztec Communications. The committee recommended the issue be resolved privately between Citizen Alert and Aztec Communications.