

**MINUTES**  
**CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,**  
**NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION**  
**YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

**Maggie Plaster, assistant chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Maggie Plaster welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), who introduced themselves. **Members present:** Brok Armantrout, Lisa Corrado, Cleveland Dudley, Peggy Maze Johnson, Clete Kus, Melvin McCallum, Calvin Meyers, Frank Perna, Maggie Plaster, Maria Rodriguez, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Curtis Brown, Caren Levenson, Irene Navis, Daryl Thomé, and Dr. William Wells. **Members absent:** Mayor Nicholes, and Eric Young.

- Frank Perna expressed an interest in having alternates attend when citizen members are unavailable to attend meetings.

**2. Consideration of Minutes:** Approval of the July 20, 2006, minutes was held to the next meeting.

**3. DOE Progress and Member Updates:**

- The following were distributed (**Exhibit B**): Letter dated August 8, 2006, to Dr. Jane Summerson, USDOE, from Robert Loux, state of Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects; August 21, 2006, letter from Clark County Board of County Commissioners to Dr. Jane Summerson; YMP Media Content Analysis for August 2006; The Economist article, *The Long View*; Civil Engineering News article, *Finland to Bury Its Nuclear Waste*; and two papers pertaining to the Used Nuclear Fuel Management Improvement Act. Committee members were asked to review these two papers and give comments to Harry Kelman.
- It was moved and seconded that this committee ask the Board of County Commissioners to pass a resolution against the Used Nuclear Fuel Management Improvement Act. This will be an action item for the next meeting.
- There is a group in Washington, D.C., fighting the interim storage bill. Senator Domenici will be introducing his bill next week. Congress will not look at it until the next session.
- Citizen Alert received a grant from the Clark County Commission in the amount of \$84,000 for public outreach along the transportation route. Touring with Citizen Alert are people from Nevada: teachers; PTA; American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees; the League of Women Voters, and the National Alliance of Retired Americans. These national organizations all passed anti-Yucca Mountain Resolutions. Trips are planned in clusters, 4 meetings in 4 days: Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan.
- The County's inter-local contract with the City of Las Vegas is on the October 4 City of Las Vegas Agenda for approval.
- All of the cities in Clark County have purchase orders to perform monitoring and other nuclear waste oversight activities.
- The Moapa Band of Paiutes also has a purchase order.
- The Moapa Band of Paiutes and other tribes around the transportation routes do not have affected status. Bob Halstead [state of Nevada] said that DOE should give the approximately 38 tribes affected status. DOE said that it was up to the DOI, and the tribes are considered part of the DOI. The DOE should be helping all DOI tribes to have affected status.
- The Shoshone Indian Tribe from Death Valley, California, has written another letter requesting affected status.
- There are concerns that the sacred, earlier writings/carvings by the Indians (petroglyphs) will be impacted by the building of roads to Yucca Mountain.
- City of Las Vegas is taking a resolution to the National League of Cities and the Nevada League of Cities asking the cities along the transportation routes to conduct public safety

impact studies. The city council approved the resolution at the last meeting. The funding for this is from general fund money.

- The City of Las Vegas developed a communications plan regarding outreach activities.
- Calvin Meyers asked for help to develop a resolution supporting the Moapa Indian Paiutes' request for affected status. Peggy Maze Johnson volunteered to help Calvin Meyers write the resolution.
- The Atomic Museum manager will allow the placement of literature for public outreach (for new residents, tourists, and others).
- An objection was made to summarizing committee minutes vs. verbatim reporting.

**Held to the next meeting.**

- 4. Approval of BCC Position Statement for future Outreach Materials.** "To be included in all public releases: Since 1987 the Clark County Commissioners have opposed the Yucca Mountain Project. " **Held to next meeting.**
- 5. BCC Resolution Re: GNEP.** A discussion of this item brought out that a lot of people don't see the danger inherent in GNEP. With committee approval, "The BCC Resolution Re: GNEP Resolution" item is renamed "The Bill" and will be **held to the next meeting** to receive comments on The Bill. A statement pertaining to national and homeland security was read from article, *Focusing on the Nation's Priorities*. The Las Vegas Review-Journal article, dated September 21, 2006, *Yucca Mountain: Nuclear industry makes offer*, was also referenced (**Exhibit C**). There was discussion on bringing in speakers to educate the committee on the different facets of GNEP. Peggy Maze Johnson will work on scheduling a speaker for the next meeting as will the Nuclear Waste Division.
- 6. Yucca Mountain Bus Tours.** Two committee members want DOE to stop the bus tours to Yucca Mountain, since DOE only presents things in a positive light and does not represent the alternative view. The argument is that it is not education, but a selling point in favor of Yucca Mountain. Other committee members feel that education is important, and the tours should be kept for a better understanding of the project and that the committee should provide speakers or factual information that offers a viewpoint different from the DOE's. **Held to next meeting.**
- 7. Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items:** The next meeting is tentatively set for Monday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.