

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,
NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION
YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2007

Chair Irene Navis called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Irene welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), who introduced themselves. **Members present:** Curtis Brown, Brian Knudsen, Melvin McCallum, Calvin Meyers, Irene Navis, Brenda Pohlmann, Maria Rodriguez, and Erik Young. **Members excused:** Maggie Plaster, Daryl Thomé, and Holly Woodward. **Members absent:** Brok Armantrout, Peggy Maze Johnson, Clete Kus, Caren Levenson, Mayor Nicholes.
- 2. Consideration of Minutes:** Approval of the July 20, 2006, and September 25, 2006, minutes was held to the next meeting since there was no quorum.
- 3. DOE Progress and Member Updates:**
 - Irene met with members of the Nevada State Delegation and staff on the House side. Dean Heller was very interested in what is happening at Yucca Mountain Project (YMP). Congressman Porter, as well as Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, praised the continuing oversight on YMP.
 - On the Senate side, met with legislative directors for Senators Ensign and Reid. They are always very interested in what Clark County has to say. They are always very complimentary on the efforts that they know are happening through this committee, through the Board of County Commissioners, and the direction of the Manager's office.
 - Met with the Federal Railroad Administration, who regulates what happens on rail and are interested in the Caliente and Mina rail corridor. They are looking at what decisions are made in terms of a commercial or dedicated rail line for Yucca Mountain. A commercial rail spur is desired by Nye, Lincoln, and Esmeralda Counties. The Surface Transportation Board, a group within the United States Department of Transportation, has jurisdiction. They have a formal hearing process, similar to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). DOE plans to begin rail construction in 2009, and complete construction by 2014.
 - The Environmental Protection Agency Radiation Standard is still under review by various organizations.
 - The outgoing NRC commissioner, McGaffigan in various news reports, commented on his personal thoughts, now saying YMP is in a sad state of affairs, and what he feels should happen at YMP. His comments reflected a change in his opinion on YMP.
 - DOE plans to start the application process June 30, 2008, if not before. Ward Sproat is hoping to have the license application filed earlier. This pushes up the license support network. The cities and stakeholders will have to decide what part they will play and then prepare accordingly.
 - The NRC was asked to present a workshop regarding the license support network, and level of participation in the license application process. Any one who is part of local government, Affected Units of Local Government, the counties, etc., will be able to participate in the workshop. The workshop will be held in a May or June time frame.
 - Through inclusion in Bill language, the license procedure is an appropriate use of oversight funds.
 - Irene distributed a copy of the *Contra Costa Times* news article, [Rail tankers pose threat of massive destruction](#), and the Chattanooga Publishing Company article, [Oak Ridge process offers hope, but some worry about transportation](#) (**Exhibit B**). For additional information, see page 3 of this article for links to GNEP.
 - Oakridge, Tennessee is under consideration as a possible location for reprocessing high-level radioactive nuclear waste.
 - There is a TEC meeting coming up in April.
 - The RTC 20 year plan, Regional Transportation Plan 2006-2030, was approved.

4. **Special Preview: Indian Perspectives on Yucca Mountain:** The committee previewed the Moapa and Las Vegas Paiute Indian perspective video that depicted potential impacts on the Indian tribes from the Yucca Mountain Project. The Atomic Testing Museum will distribute literature on Yucca Mountain, and show the Indian Perspectives video to groups. The Indian Perspectives video will also be shown on Channels 2 and 4. The County's video on radiation basics will also be shown at the museum. The video will also be available at Clark County libraries and the school district.
5. **Approval of BCC position statement for future outreach materials, "Since 1987 the Clark County Commissioners have opposed the Yucca Mountain Project."** New Yucca Mountain outreach materials will include the Board of County Commissioners' statement that they are officially opposed to Yucca Mountain. This statement, included in public outreach fact sheets that are being provided to the public, will be located at the end of videos, with a caption saying, "Clark County has consistently passed resolutions against this project." The District Attorney's office approved this statement.
6. **BCC resolution re: GNEP and NEI Bill:** This item was held for a future meeting. With the current Nevada Congressional Delegation position, it is highly unlikely that any current Yucca Mountain related bills will make it to the Senate floor. It is reported that significant funding will be requested for the FY 2008 global nuclear energy program budget.
7. **Yucca Mountain Bus Tours:** A committee member, who is associated with Clark County, took the tour. It was his opinion that the source of the information was advocating Yucca Mountain. Originally, he was in favor of Yucca Mountain. He returned from the tour with information and opinions that changed his favorable opinion to one not so favorable. Also, he thought the majority of the people who took the tour were now less likely to support YM. A representative of Aztec Communications took the tour last week. He asked the tour guide, a geologist, if it was possible to present the opposing point of view. The guide said that the tour is the only opportunity for DOE to present 100 percent of their side of Yucca Mountain. DOE may not be amenable to having opposing views presented on the tour; however, DOE's presentation is more neutral now than before. DOE is openly discussing the challenges, issues, and differences of opinions (pros and cons). When the state of Nevada or Clark County representatives are on the tour, there is an opportunity to present opposing views. Members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation are interested in taking the bus tour to Yucca Mountain. A tentative date is set for April 4, 2007.
8. **Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items:** To be determined.