

**MINUTES**  
**CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,**  
**NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION**  
**YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 26, 2007**

**Chair Irene Navis called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Irene welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), who introduced themselves. **Members present:** Curtis Brown, Peggy Maze Johnson, Caren Levenson, Melvin McCallum, Irene Navis, Maggie Plaster, Brenda Pohlmann, Maria Rodriquez, Daryl Thomé, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Deanna Domingo, and Clete Kus. **Members absent:** Brok Armantrout, Mayor Nicholes, and Eric Young.
- 2. Consideration of Minutes:** Approval of the July 20, September 25, 2006, and January 29, 2007, minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. DOE Progress and Member Updates:**
  - Cash Jaszczak, representing Nye County, said that the Nye County Board of Commissioners is taking a pragmatic approach toward Yucca Mountain, and is actively engaged in preparing reports for a community protection plan, and department site representation. As the situs county, Nye County needs to be prepared for the project to be discontinued or for it to go forward.
  - There are ten AULG counties designated by the federal government that get oversight funding, and need to work together—especially on common interests, and leverage of resources.
  - The committee should invite guest speakers who will present pros and cons of GNEP, reprocessing, and Yucca Mountain. Having a variety of perspectives presented at the same time would be very valuable.
  - The new chair of the Citizen Alert board was at an event where the City of Las Vegas expressed its opposition to Yucca Mountain. It was reported that when the chair asked Nuclear Waste Division staff if Clark County was against Yucca Mountain, staff replied that the county had no position on Yucca Mountain. Staffs' standard reply is the County Commissioners have opposed Yucca Mountain since 1985. Also, staffs' personal opinions are not discussed.
  - Clark County, the cities, and Affected Units of Local Government went to a workshop sponsored by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the License Support Network, and license application procedure. Cities are in the process of determining their status. The Clark County Manager's Office will be briefed on information from the workshop, to help them determine if they want Clark County to be an intervener or interested governmental participant. The NRC will send out a notice that denotes the time line for final contentions.
  - The NRC is interested in socioeconomic impacts, but the impacts are not part of their scope of review for the LSN.
  - The DOE's supplement (draft) to the repository Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may be available in October 2007 time frame, as well as the draft EIS on the Caliente Corridor.
  - Nye County, the situs county, wants Yucca Mountain to be considered as a nuclear power plant, since the federal government funds services provided by the county for fire protection, HAZMAT control, etc.
  - The policy document related to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, Section 180c, may be published in the July Federal Register. The policy relates to funding for first responders, training, and technical assistance. Communities along the corridor that are eligible for state and tribal funding as stated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, should be reviewing that document. This committee may want to review the document as well, to craft a position for the board.

- **Exhibit B** is an e-mail, Subject: Request for Information (RFI). The DOE is requesting information to obtain comments from potential vendors of facilities and services, railroads, etc., within the next couple of weeks. They are gathering information for the Caliente rail construction.
- **Exhibit C** is a June 19<sup>th</sup> press release from the DOE relating to the Release of Final Performance Requirements for the Canister System--the TAD Canister. The County is following this very closely in terms of transportation impacts, as well as impacts to the operation of the repository. This may be considered interim storage, and is not allowed under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.
- The House appropriators interjected language in their appropriations bill to allow funding for a program whereby interim storage from closed reactors will take place at Yucca Mountain. It is DOE's opinion that additional authorization for that activity will need to take place, because interim storage is currently prohibited in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. The Appropriations Bill cannot override a law.
- The Nuclear Waste Division's *The Citizens Handbook, Radioactive Waste Transportation State Laws, Updated March 15, 2007*, with CD, will be mailed to attendees of this meeting and the committee members.
- Last fall we participated in a feasibility study to create a regional operations emergency center in southern Nevada. This recommendation was based on our public safety and impact studies. All of the municipalities feel there is a need for a more robust emergency operations center other than what is currently available in this building, since these facilities were not adequate for a population of 2,500,000+ to 3,500,000. The regional operations center is endorsed by the state of Nevada, Homeland Security Commission, and the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition. Funding needs to be obtained once the costs for the land and building are determined.
- In conjunction with the community indicators monitoring program, community surveys were sent to 8,000 Clark County businesses, regarding truck and rail shipments through Clark County. This report hasn't been updated since the mid-1990's. This report will take an all hazards view approach.

#### **4. Briefing on NWD Work Plan for FY2007/08.**

- Inter-local agreements with Tribes and Cities were renewed. Issues related to site licensing and public outreach were discussed, as well as, impact assessment.

#### **5. Discuss Possible Energy Workshop Sponsored by YMAC.**

- Citizen Alert will hold an energy workshop sometime in September. A vote was put to the committee: "All in favor of supporting the Citizen Alert activity moving forward as the energy workshop for the community, and then see what is left over for this committee to do afterward." It was unanimously approved. The Nuclear Waste Division may sponsor an energy workshop at a later date.

#### **6. Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items.**

- Please advise Barbara Blumer what dates and times are best for you to attend the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Advisory Committee meetings.
- Next meeting date to be determined.