

**MINUTES**  
**CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,**  
**NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION**  
**YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**August 18, 2008**

**Chairperson Irene Navis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

She called attendees' attention to the following handouts: "The Wall Street Journal" article, *The Case For and Against Nuclear Power*; The Surface Transportation Board's article, *Yucca Mountain Fact Sheet*; and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission brochure, "Judging the Safety of a Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada" (**Exhibit A**).

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Irene welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit B**), who introduced themselves. **Members present:** Brok Armantrout, Cleveland Dudley, Councilman Gustavson, Michael Johnson, Peggy Maze Johnson, Clete Kus, Liane Lee, Caren Levenson, Irene Navis, Maria Rodriguez, John Willis, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Curtis Brown, Deanna Domingo, Melvin McCallum, Jan Schweitzer, Ned Thomas, and Daryl Thomé. **Members absent:** None
- 2. Consideration of Minutes:** The April 21, 2008, minutes, as well as the May 19, and July 10, 2008, meeting notes were unanimously approved.
- 3. DOE Progress and Important Milestones:**
  - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting its docketing review, and the Surface Transportation Board (STB) is reviewing the Department of Energy's (DOE) Caliente Rail Line Application. The STB is a separate agency, not related to NRC.
  - The Nuclear Waste Division staff is identifying issues that form the basis for contentions to the license application. There is a prescribed process where certain things have to occur in order to be a party to the proceedings. Clark County has met all of those milestones to date.
  - At the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting held June 3, 2008, the BCC declared June as Yucca Mountain Awareness month. At the August 19, 2008 BCC meeting, the Nuclear Waste Division has five items on the agenda. On the Consent agenda, items 9, 10, and 11 are for the renewal of technical services contracts. On the Items Taken Separately agenda, there are two items: 107, requesting renewal of four memberships to the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Advisory Committee; and 108, asking approval for staff recommended issues to be developed as potential contentions in the Yucca Mountain Licensing proceedings, as well as asking for direction to staff. All items are on the county's Web site at <http://www.accessclarkcounty.com>.
  - Ward Sproat, Department of Energy (DOE), will be retiring later this year.
  - The NRC judge panels want only the most important issues brought to the table. Therefore, contentions must be solid, credible, and complete cases submitted for their review.
  - There is a public workshop this afternoon, presented by the Surface Transportation Board in response to Commissioner Reid's request.
  - The NRC Pre-License Application Presiding Officer Board (PAPO) considered the request from the State of Nevada to extend the comment period for an additional 180 days. The PAPO Board said the time was too extensive. However, they gave a thirty-day extension (from the date a docketing decision is issued in the Federal Register regarding DOE's application). There is now a 60-day time frame in which to file contentions.

**4. Member updates:**

- The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is working on their 30-year long range transportation plan. It will be posted on their Web site <http://www.rtcnv.com> from September 2, 2008, for a 45-day review period.  
Nye County asked that a direct route from Pahrump, Nevada, to the Ivanpah Airport be considered and included in the RTC 30-year plan.
- The Moapa Band of Paiutes will be hosting a Yucca Mountain Awareness Night for the tribe on August 22, 2008.
- The Nation for Change rally in Henderson, Nevada, (not related to Senator Obama's campaign) highlighted Yucca Mountain as a local issue.

**5. Review and revise bylaws to meet BCC Title 3 Revision:**

The Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Advisory Committee bylaws will be revised to incorporate changes contained in Title 3 (**Exhibit C**). These will be reviewed and considered at the next meeting.

**6. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Unanimously elected: Irene Navis, Chair (re-elected), and Peggy Maze Johnson, Vice-Chair.

**7. Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items.**

- The next meeting will be in September.
- Review revised bylaws.