

**CLARK COUNTY YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2008**

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

- 1. Welcome and introductions:** The attendees (**Exhibit A**) were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. **Members present:** Brok Armantrout, Philip Banea (for Maria Rodriguez), Curtis Brown, Deanna Domingo, Michael Johnson, Peggy Maze Johnson, Clete Kus, Liane Lee, Caren Levenson, Catherine Lorbeer, Melvin McCallum, Daryl Thomé, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Sarah Batchelor, Councilman Gustaveson, Maria Rodriguez, Jan Schweitzer, and Ned Thomas. **Members absent:** None.
- 2. Consideration of the October 20, 2008, minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. STB hearing/licensing contentions:** Irene mentioned that Commissioner Susan Brager will testify for Clark County at the Surface Transportation Board hearing, December 4, 2008, at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission offices, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.

License Application Proceedings: Clark County is in the process of retaining the firm of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon as legal counsel.

Some contentions Clark County has identified are related to volcanic activity, water issues, and transportation of high-level nuclear waste. Other contentions are focused on public safety, DOE's inability to manage a project of this scope, and impacts from Nellis Air Force Base when they conduct exercises using live ammunition.

Cash Jaszczak reported that Nye County has their contentions ready. One contention is based on emergency management and public safety.

- 4. Possible expansion of Yucca Mtn. (all the nation's radioactive waste):**
 - Congress may want to increase the amount of waste that can be buried in Yucca Mountain by 3 times the current capacity of 70,000 metric tons.
 - A previous report commissioned for DOE said Yucca Mountain capacity could be six to nine times that amount.
- 5. DOE progress and important milestones:**

DOE's report for a second repository, required by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, has been released.
- 6. Member updates:**
 - Irene Navis will be a guest speaker at a Citizen's Coffee in Mesquite, Nevada, 7:30 a.m., November 21, 2008.
 - Officials from the City of Las Vegas will tour Yucca Mountain on January 14, 2009.
 - Daryl Thomé commented that before receiving a license for a nuclear power plant, protection to the public must be demonstrated.
 - Melvin McCallum mentioned NDOT is concerned about tax monies. When gas prices go up, people don't travel as much, and tax revenues decrease.

- Peggy Maze Johnson mentioned an Energy Security meeting at UNLV. She reported on the position of Japan, Germany, and the United Kingdom on global warming. The group also discussed the possible phasing out of nuclear energy.
- Clete Kus reported that the North Las Vegas City Council held two town meetings where Yucca Mountain information was available. There were no questions regarding Yucca Mountain.
- Holly Woodward mentioned UNLV will host a meeting on reprocessing in January.
- Deanna Domingo reported that the Moapa Band of Paiutes' PowWow event was very well received.
- Sharon Sheldon, Aztec Communications, reported that the Nuclear Waste Division has added a new site, *Just for Kids*, to their web page, http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/DEPTS/COMPREHENSIVE_PLANNING/NUCLEAR_WASTE/Pages/nuclearwaste.aspx; and a nuclear waste transportation video was added to Channel 4 TV.
- DOE's new contract for Yucca Mountain was awarded to URS. Their commencement date is April 1, 2009.

7. Next meeting date; select agenda items: January 20, 2009.