

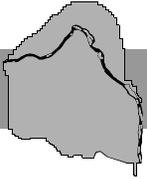


Hanford Site

Integration Project Expert Panel

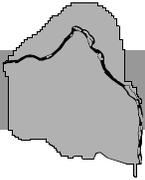
**September 1999 Meeting
Outbrief Comments
Meeting No. 5**

Dr. Edgar Berkey, Chairman



This was a pivotal meeting. . .

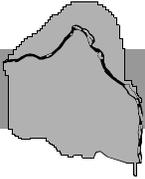
- Presence of senior management (HQ, RL)
- New mode of operating
- Progress from FY99 to hear about
- FY00 plans to review
- IPEP frustration level -- down but not out



IPEP Observations. . .

- Good job on improving documents
 - State of Knowledge
 - Project Description
 - Science and Technology Plan
- More signs that integration is taking hold
 - Specific examples noted
 - Attitude shifts detected
- Great that EMSP awards have been made in S&T area
- Integration Project has built a base and raised some expectations

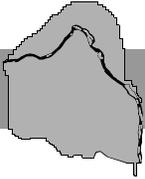
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IPEP Observations (Continued)

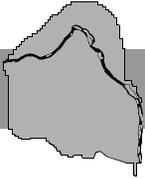
BUT...

- IPEP couldn't get deep enough in the issues
 - Need to get in early enough to impact outcomes, not just review documents
- SAC is still a bit “blurry” to us
 - Progress is evident, but is it sufficient?
- Concerned also about characterization
 - Availability and application of resources. Enough?



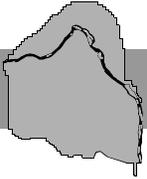
Measures of IPEP Success

- ① Support from DOE-HQ and Hanford Site senior management
- ② Support from stakeholders, Tribal Nations, and regulators
- ③ Positive effect on key Integration Project plans, processes, and products
- ④ Value-added input to Integration Project management and staff (short-term, intermediate term, long-term)
- ⑤ Identification of potential Integration Project cost savings, technical improvements, or efficiencies



Recommendations

- ① Please work with us to identify impact points where IPEP involvement is needed
- ② Please react to IPEP plans for FY00 regarding areas of focus and planned activities
- ③ Resolve objectives and potential uses of SAC, Rev. 0
- ④ Costs associated with groundwater monitoring and drilling may be ripe as a source of savings . . . So more work can be done



And Finally. . .

We see the curtain falling on the prelude

. . . And the real drama about to begin

See you next year, Y2K permitting