

Budget and Contracts Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Richland Library Conference Rooms A/B, 955 Northgate Drive, Richland
Conference Line: Dialing Instructions:

- Tri-City participants: 376-3622, conference code **6534566#**
- Long distance participants: 1-877-401-5229, conference code **6534566#**

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1:00 p.m. Opening – Jerry Peltier, Chair

- Welcome and introductions – Jerry Peltier, Chair
- Approval of May BCC/Joint Committee meeting summary
- Announcements

1:15 p.m. Understanding Budget Terminology

Purpose: To help the committee understand budget terminology used by DOE-HQ and by Congress as it seeks to better understand the budget process applied at the Hanford Site.

- Agency presentation – Mark Coronado, DOE-RL¹ (5 min)
 - Appropriations vs. allocations vs. authorizations
 - Discretionary vs. non-discretionary (federal and congressional)
 - Implications of judicial decisions on Hanford budgets
- Regulator perspective – John Price, Ecology²
- Committee discussion

1:45 p.m. DOE-ORP’s 2015 Budget Request

Purpose: 1) To brief the committee on DOE-ORP’s 2015 budget request that was unavailable at the May 8, 2013 DOE Public Budget Workshop; 2) to enable the committee to discuss this request and identify any preliminary concerns that may warrant the development of draft advice or other HAB action.

- Agency presentation (*tentative*) – DOE-ORP³ (15 min)
- Committee discussion (*in absence of an agency presentation, the committee will discuss need for a letter to DOE requesting this information*)

2:30 p.m. Break

¹ U.S. Department of Energy – Richland Operations Office
² Washington State Department of Ecology
³ U.S. Department of Energy – Office of River Protection

2:45 p.m. Committee Discussion: Concerns with the Budget Process

Purpose: 1) To continue committee discussion of the draft budget issue paper developed by Jerry Peltier and Gerry Pollet regarding the Hanford budget process and prioritization of “non-discretionary” projects; 2) To determine if draft advice, a HAB sounding board, or some other mechanism would be appropriate to address these concerns.

- Issue Manager Introduction – Jerry Peltier (5 min)
- Agency perspectives – Kim Ballinger, DOE-RL; Sharon Braswell, MSA supporting DOE-ORP; John Price, Ecology
- Committee discussion
 - Clarification of information contained in the issue paper
 - Determination whether advice or a sounding board is needed
 - Identification of potential advice points, if the committee agrees advice should be developed
 - Next steps for addressing this issue

3:45 p.m. Committee Business

- Review follow up items
- Update 3-month work plan, including August committee call topics

4:00 p.m. Adjourn