

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Proposed Changes to the Tri-Party Agreement for Central Plateau Cleanup Work, and for Mixed Low-Level Waste and Transuranic Mixed Waste

Date: May 12, 2010

Location: Red Lion Hanford House (Ballroom section), Richland, WA 99352

Call-in: Local participants: Dial 376-5451, enter conference code 580601

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Workshop Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to enable Hanford Advisory Board (HAB or Board) members to 1) understand the proposed changes to the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) for Central Plateau Cleanup Work, and for Mixed Low-Level Waste and Transuranic Waste; 2) determine if policy-level advice regarding the proposals is warranted; and 3) provide input following the meeting on the appropriate public involvement approach.

8:00 a.m. Opening

- Welcome and introductions – Susan Leckband, Chair (5 min)
- Agenda overview – Susan Hayman, Facilitator (5 min)
- Framing the discussion – Pam Larsen, Issue Manager (5 min)

8:15 a.m. Overview of the Proposed Changes

Opening presentation by Tri-Party Agreement Agencies: Matt McCormick, DOE-RL¹; Jane Hedges, Ecology²; Dennis Faulk, EPA³ (invited – 30 min), followed by committee discussion for clarification. The opening presentation will address:

- How does this set of change packages relate to other major TPA actions of the past year (e.g. 2009 change packages, consent decree, etc.)?
- What are the highlights of key changes contained in the proposals?
- How would the TPA and the responsibilities of each of the TPA Agencies be changed by the proposals?
- How do the proposed changes relate to Hanford Site priorities? How do these proposals align with past HAB advice?
- How do these proposals align with past public comment?

¹ U.S. Department of Energy – Richland Operations Office

² Washington State Department of Ecology

³ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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9:15 a.m. Central Plateau – Specific Issues

(includes 15-min break) The following are the key questions raised by Board members. TPA Agency representatives will have a chance to respond to each question, followed by brief committee discussion for clarification.

1. Are there potential waste site decisions that will be changed because of the operable unit reclassification?
2. What are the expected impacts and effects to alternative evaluation and remediation decisions due to these proposed changes?
3. Do the proposals contain provisions to reclassify sites from RCRA⁴ to CERCLA⁵ and, if so, how are the agencies' responsibilities changed and what are the consequences (technical and public involvement perspectives)?
4. How do the proposals impact the RCRA Permit?
5. Who writes the record of decision (ROD)?
 - Do the TPA agencies review post-ROD decisions?
 - Is there a public involvement component?
6. Do the proposals result in a new/increased/changed use of a combined corrective action decision/record of decision (CAD-ROD)? If so, what are the expected effects of this change?

10:45 a.m. Mixed Low-Level and Transuranic Mixed Waste – Specific Issues

TPA Agency representatives will have a chance to respond to each question, followed by brief committee discussion for clarification.

The proposals include a TRUM retrieval deadline of 2018 with removal from site date of 2035.

1. Will TRUM waste be treated for interim storage prior to shipment? If so, how will it be treated and stored, and is this a NEPA⁶ decision?
2. How are the proposals consistent with the WIPP table which outlines permit allowances?

11:30 a.m. Identification of Board Issues

Purpose: To identify any issues the Board has with the proposed changes, and to determine if Board advice is warranted.

1. Framing – Dale Engstrom, Wade Riggsbee – Issue Managers (5 min)
 - Are there issues about which there are clear differences of perspective between DOE and the HAB?

⁴ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976

⁵ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended

⁶ National Environmental Policy Act of 1972, as amended

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- Are any of these issues NOT addressed in previous HAB advice?
- 2. Committee identification of possible advice points, if any, for follow-up by the RAP/PIC Committees (20 min)
- 3. Next steps – Susan Leckband (5 min)

12:00p.m. Adjourn the Committee of the Whole

NOTE: The Joint RAP and PIC Committee Meeting convenes at 1:00 p.m. in this same meeting room, and using the same conference line and GoToMeeting information.
