

**Budgets and Contracts Committee**

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Room 142, Federal Building, Richland, Washington

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**8:30 am Welcome and Introductions**

- Goals for the meeting - Harold Heacock, committee chair

**8:40 am DOE-ORP Staffing**

*Purpose: To understand ORP's staffing plan and its effect on the vitrification plant planning (including changes to technology choices), and on tank waste retrieval and tank closure strategies.*

- Greg Jones, DOE-ORP, invited (10 min)
- Committee discussion (20 min)

**9:10 am Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) Cost Escalation and Baseline Changes**

*Purpose: To look more closely at the elements of the recent cost escalation and the 3+1 plan for the melters in the WTP.*

- Change order process – status on proposed change orders/pending items/cost estimates (Bill Taylor, DOE-ORP, invited) (15 min)
- Regulator perspective (Ecology, invited) (15 min)
- Committee discussion (30 min)

*(Discussion framing questions: What is the cost of adding an additional HLW melter and what will be saved by removing a LAW melter? What is the impact on capacity? What are the potential additional design and capital costs for supplemental technologies? What is the confidence level in the estimate?)*

**10:10 am BREAK****10:20 am DOE-ORP Contract Changes: CHG Performance-Based Incentives (PBI's)**

*Purpose: To learn more about new contract terms and incentives accelerating CHG's contract for tank closure.*

- Briefing on PBI specifics (DOE-ORP, invited) (15 min)
- Regulator perspective (Ecology, invited.) (15 min)
- Committee discussion (30 min)

*(Discussion framing questions: How do the announced contract incentives address the TPA?)*

**11:20 am GAO Report to the Secretary of Energy on DOE Contract Reform**

*Purpose: To hear DOE-RL and DOE-ORP response to the GAO report.*

- Report response (Jean Schwier, DOE-RL, and Kevin Ensign, DOE-ORP, invited) (15 min)
- Committee discussion (15 min)

**11:50 am LUNCH**

**1:00 pm Budget Planning Under Continuing Resolution**

- FY 03 & 04 Budget Status, Impacts, Recoup plan (Jean Schwier, DOE-RL, invited) (10 min)
- Committee discussion (20 min)

**1:30 pm Budget Process & Expectations for Next Year**

*Purpose of Agenda Item: To discuss what can be done to ensure public participation in future budget processes and avoid what's happened in the last 2 years' budget cycles*

- DOE-RL & DOE-ORP process and TPA compliance (5 min)
- Regulator perspectives (Ecology, EPA, invited) (5 min)
- Committee discussion (40 min)

**2:20 pm Update: Fluor Hanford, Inc. Project Support Center**

*Purpose of Agenda Item: To check status of center and understand if it is helping accelerate cleanup.*

- DOE/FHI, invited (10 min)
- Committee discussion (15 min)

**2:45 pm FFTF Acceleration Impacts**

*Purpose of Agenda Item: To consider impacts of deactivation funding on acceleration initiatives*

- DOE-RL (10 min)
- Regulator perspectives (5 min)
- Committee discussion (15 min)

**3:15 pm Committee Work Planning/Path Forward**

**3:30 pm ADJOURN**

**Dates to Remember:**

- November 7 & 8: HAB Meeting, West Coast Kennewick
- Wednesday, November 13, all day: Long-term Stewardship Workshop
- Thursday, November 14, all day: River & Plateau Committee Meeting
- November 19, 10:30 am: BCC call placeholder