

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY (v.1)**

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**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD**

**TANK WASTE COMMITTEE**

*April 11, 2001*

*Richland, WA*

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*This is only a summary of issues and actions in this meeting. It may not represent the fullness of ideas discussed or opinions given, and should not be used as a substitute for actual public involvement or public comment on any particular topic unless specifically identified as such.*

**Introduction**

Doug Huston, vice-chair pro tem of the old Tank Waste Ad Hoc Committee, opened the meeting. After introductions, the committee attempted to select leaders by consensus, but ended up voting. Leon Swenson (who was not present at the meeting, but had communicated his willingness to serve through Jim Cochran) was elected to be chair and Doug Huston was elected to be vice-chair. Doug Huston chaired the meeting in Mr. Swenson’s absence. The committee renamed itself the Tank Waste Committee.

**Work Planning**

Ruth Siguenza, EnviroIssues, distributed the following documents to assist the committee with its work planning: “Possible Topics for June Meeting (brainstormed at April 2001 HAB meeting),” “Issues Assignment – Issues that clearly reside in one committee (Attachment 2),” “Cross-cutting Issues Assignment (Attachment 3),” and “Committee Work Planning Table (blank).” Ms. Siguenza suggested that the committee begin by elaborating the work planning details for issues that clearly reside in one committee (Handout Attachment 2). She explained that as part of the newly adopted guidelines on committee restructuring, each issue should have clearly defined policy issues, at least one issue manager, an issue manager to do list, and an identification of cross-cutting committees, if appropriate.

The committee chose to begin its work planning with issues relevant to the June Board Meeting. It agreed that the highest priority issue was the baseline for the Waste Treatment Project, which the committee decided to split into two issues, divided

according to contractor. The details of the work planning on this issue, as well as all others, are in the attached Work Planning Table.

Next the committee evaluated the list of issues that clearly reside in one committee (handout titled “Issues assignment – Issues that clearly reside in one committee [Attachment 2]”). There was a brief discussion on the pre-treatment of tank wastes, but the committee agreed that it was not timely to pursue the issue. The committee disagreed on whether it should devote any energy to understanding why the BNFL contract was terminated; without consensus the issue was dropped. The committee determined that the other issues listed on Attachment 2 had already been incorporated into its work plan. The committee then incorporated the issues listed on the handout “Cross-cutting Issues Assignment (Attachment 3)” into its work planning table.

Regulator perspectives were incorporated in the committee’s Work Planning Table under the category “TPA Agency Needs.”

### **Identification of Topics for Upcoming Meetings**

Next the committee discussed topics it intends to cover at its next meeting, and how much time should be allocated for each. Ruth Siguenza, EnviroIssues, explained that the Executive Issues Committee (EIC) has a conference call scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and at that time the committee meeting times will be decided. In addition, the committee requested that all members be polled for meeting-day preference.

The committee decided that all identified topics should be addressed/discussed in a joint meeting with the Budgets and Contracts committee during May committee week. The topics are listed below.

#### Topics for Next Meeting:

- Bechtel April 15<sup>th</sup> deliverables and baseline for the Waste Treatment Project
  - Possible draft advice
- CHG baseline
  - Possible draft advice
- Understand implications of the Administration’s budget request for Fiscal Year 2002
  - Macro level

Executive Issues Committee (EIC) conference call representatives: Doug Huston and Denny Newland

Regarding the Bechtel baselines, Peter Bengston, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), spoke on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy – Office of River Protection (DOE-ORP) to warn the committee that in May, DOE-ORP will not have a full understanding of how the baseline will be affected. He suggested moving the main presentation to June. Steve Wiegman, DOE-ORP, said that he would prefer to work with issue managers in advance to make sure the issue managers are prepared to inform the

whole committee. Mr. Wiegman said that in May, DOE-ORP could discuss the Bechtel baseline in comparison with key dates and possible changes in schedules from the BNFL baseline. The committee decided it would discuss whatever information is available in May in a joint meeting with the Budgets and Contracts Committee, since a meeting in May would be necessary to prepare advice for the June Board meeting.

Mr. Bengston added that DOE-ORP is willing to incorporate advice from issue managers and the committee whether or not it is official Board consensus advice. The committee responded that the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) hopes its advice will also influence DOE-Headquarters.

### **Conclusion**

Ruth Siguenza requested committee members submit their comments on previous meeting summaries to the facilitation team within one week. In the future meeting summaries will be adopted at the subsequent meetings, but due to the reorganization there were a few orphan meeting summaries awaiting approval from now non-existent committees.

### **Handouts**

- Hanford Advisory Board Committee Lists, Updated April 9, 2001 for ORP Tanks Issues Committee
  - ORP Tanks Issues Committee Draft Meeting Agenda, Revised April 10, 2001
  - Possible Topics for June Meeting (brainstormed at April 2001 HAB meeting), April 10, 2001
  - Issues Assignment – Issues that clearly reside in one committee (Attachment 2), February 20, 2001
  - Cross-cutting Issues Assignment (Attachment 3), February 20, 2001
  - Key Decision Points for Restructuring Proposal Adopted at April 6, 2001 Board Meeting, April 6, 2001
  - Committee Work Planning Table (blank), April 10, 2001
  - River and Plateau Committee Work Planning Table – Issue Manager assignments determined at 4/10/01 meeting
  - Letter from John T. Conway, Chairman of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, March 23, 2001
  - WTP Request for Proposal, Table C.5-1.1, Deliverables. December 2000.
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## Attendees

### HAB Members and Alternates

Pam Brown	Jim Cochran	Al Conklin
Norma Jean Germond	Harold Heacock	Doug Huston
George Jansen, Jr.	Paige Knight	Jeff Luke
Denny Newland	Joe Richards	

### Others

Gail McClure, DOE-RL	Melinda Brown, Ecology	Nancy Myers, BHI
Pete Furlong, DOE-ORP	Suzanne Dahl, Ecology	Ace Etheridge, CH2MHill
Steve Wiegman, DOE-ORP	Nancy Uziemblo, Ecology	Kim Ballinger, Critique, Inc.
Eric Dysland, Tanks Focus Area		Christina Richmond, EnviroIssues
		Ruth Siguenza, EnviroIssues
		Barb Wise, FH
		Peter Bengston, PNNL
		Les Davenport, Public