

Health Safety and Environmental Protection Committee

Date: Thursday, January 10, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Federal Building, Room 142, Richland, WA
Conference Line: Dialing Instructions:

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

GoToMeeting: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/join/390029886>; Meeting ID: 390-029-886

9:00 a.m. Opening – Mike Korenko, Chair

- Welcome and introductions
- Approval of the November Committee meeting summary
- Announcements

9:15 a.m. Update on the Employees Concern Program

Purpose: To introduce the new DOE¹ Employees Concern Program (ECP) Manager, Roger Gordon, and to review the ECP Improvement Plan (September 2012), including: How users of the program have been involved in the improvements, how they will be included in feedback loops about the program; the composition and function of the ECP committee, and how the plan responds to recent HAB advice.

- Issue manager introduction – Becky Holland, HAB (5 min)
- Agency presentation – Roger Gordon, DOE-RL² (20 min)
- Committee discussion

10:15 a.m. Break**10:30 a.m. Instrument Calibration in High Humidity Conditions**

Purpose: To receive a briefing on the December 11, 2012 stop work and evacuation at the Tank Farm related to industrial hygiene instrumentation operation in high humidity conditions, including their ability to accurately measure chemical vapors, and the potential effect on workers.

- Issue manager introduction – Tom Carpenter, HAB (5 min)
- Agency presentation – Rich Urie, DOE-ORP³; John McDonald, WRPS (15 min)
- Committee discussion

¹ U.S. Department of Energy

² U.S. Department of Energy – Richland Operations Office

³ U.S. Department of Energy – Office of River Protection

11:15 a.m. Voluntary Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Purpose: To receive a briefing on changes to site-wide respiratory protection procedures regarding the voluntary use of respiratory equipment, including: the basis for the changes, accommodations for workers who wish to upgrade their PPE, and how potential retaliation issues would be addressed.

- Issue manager introduction – Tom Carpenter, HAB
- Agency presentation – Rich Urie, DOE-ORP; John McDonald, WRPS (15 min)
- Committee discussion

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. New Medical Contractor

Purpose: To meet the new medical contractor and learn what has changed, or may change, from previous operations, including hours of operation, services offered, and any other potentially significant changes.

- Issue manager introduction – Margery Swint, HAB (5 min)
- Agency presentation – Darius Slade, DOE-RL; Medical Contractor representative (15 min)
- Committee discussion

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15p.m. Framing February Topics (joint topics with TWC and RAP)

Purpose: To receive updates from the issue managers on the potential February meeting topics, and for the committee and agency staff to refine the framing questions and issues of interest for the February committee meeting.

- Effects of Radiation on Critical Concrete Structures (*joint topic with TWC and RAP*) – Dirk Dunning, Mike Korenko, HAB (15 min total) –
- Preliminary Documented Safety Analysis for the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (*joint topic with TWC*) – Rich Bloom, Dirk Dunning, HAB (15 min total)
- Flammable Gas Buildup in Double-Shell Tanks (*joint topic with TWC*) – Becky Holland, Dirk Dunning, HAB (15 min total)

3:00 p.m. Committee Business

- Review follow up items
- Update the 3-month work plan
- Confirm the February Meeting Topics Table

3:30 p.m. Adjourn