

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,
NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION
YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2005

Irene Navis, chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Irene Navis welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), and asked them to introduce themselves. **Members present** were Donna Fairchild, Clete Kus, Caren Levenson, Calvin Meyers, Irene Navis, Frank Perna, Maggie Plaster, Maria Rodriguez, Daryl Thomé, Richard Wells, Holly Woodward, and Eric Young. **Members excused** were Louis Carr, Michael Cyphers, Mayor Nicholes, and Dr. William Wells. **Members absent** were Brok Armantrout, Curtis Brown, Carolyn Goolsby Manuel, Peggy Maze Johnson, and Melvin McCallum.
2. **Fred Millar, Ph.D.** Dr. Millar gave a presentation on issues pertaining to the transportation of hazardous waste. He discussed, "A Clear Risk to the City," [Washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) article, dated September 14, 2005 (**Exhibit B**).
3. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes:** The members present constituted a quorum. The minutes from August 8, 2005, were unanimously approved.
4. **Public Participation in EPA Meetings:** Irene Navis said that Channel 2 (City of Las Vegas) and Channel 4 (Clark County) will provide coverage of the EPA meetings for public outreach. Highlights of the EPA meetings will be available via Nuclear Waste Division's electronic newsletter, also.
5. **DOE Progress and Member Updates:**
 - Calvin Meyers said that the tribes who attended the Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC) meeting were made members. Calvin voiced his concern that the tribe will have training funds available through 180C funding. However, they have no equipment to use even if they are trained. Nor, do they have the funds to purchase the equipment.
 - Irene recently returned from vacationing in Italy. She used her own funds for this vacation. While there, she attended two back-to-back conferences in Bologna, Italy: Planning and Sustainability Conference, and Environmental Health Risk Conference. Nuclear Waste Division consultant, Sheila Conway, Urban Environmental Research (UER), spoke at the Environmental Health Risk conference. The most interesting thing, related to what we are working on, is that they are struggling with the same issues we are. Namely, communications between different levels of government, how to do public outreach, what is the balance between the public's need to know and maintaining some sense of security and authority--making sure people are not overly alarmed. People look to the United States, since we are seen as leaders in these areas, to see how we are handling these issues; especially the nuclear waste issue.
 - The European Union (EU) is planning an EU wide set of guidelines to uniformly handle security and terrorist related issues.
 - Australia will only place nuclear waste in the state that will voluntarily accept it.
 - Sheila Conway (UER) was a presenter at the London School of Economics, talking about the Community Indicators and Monitoring, and impact assessment. She also spoke at the nuclear conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

- Caren Levenson mentioned that she and her son toured Yucca Mountain. Her son was surprised that the tunnel opening was so small. Caren asked what public outreach activity was planned for schools.
- Contractor, Sharon Rorman, Aztec Communications, said that a video was recently produced for presentation to schools. The subject of the video, geared toward upper elementary to middle school level, is radiation. It is also available on Channel 4. Irene said that it is a tool to encourage people to go to Yucca Mountain and to be better informed.
- Frank Perna said a real estate disclosure is needed as an informational tool.
- Irene reminded everyone of the Community Indicators program, located at monitoringprogram.com on the website. These indicators relate to the impacts associated with the Yucca Mountain Program. The site recently won a state of Nevada American Planning Association award for an outstanding planning tool.

6. Next meeting date; select agenda items:

- An agenda item for the next meeting, put forth by Frank Perna, pertained to President Bush's campaign promises. In 2000, President Bush said Yucca Mountain would be based on sound science. In 2004, he said he would let the court decide. After the 10,000 year standard was thrown out, the EPA put in the same standard, but put different criteria on the standard for the following years. The new standard will be decided administratively and legislatively. Everyone should tell President Bush to veto the bill because he promised to let the court decide. We need to make a point of this.
- Another agenda item is EPA Comments.
- Tentative dates for the next meeting are November 8 or 9, 2005.