

**MINUTES**  
**CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING,**  
**NUCLEAR WASTE DIVISION**  
**YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 21, 2008**

**Chairperson Irene Navis called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Irene welcomed the attendees (**Exhibit A**), who introduced themselves. **Members present:** Brok Armantrout, Curtis Brown, Deanna Domingo, Michael Johnson, Liane Lee, Melvin McCallum, Irene Navis, Maria Rodriguez, John Willis, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Caren Levenson, Ned Thomas, and Daryl Thomé. **Members absent:** Peggy Maze Johnson, and Eric Young.
- 2. Consideration of Minutes:** The January 28, 2008, minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. DOE Progress and Important Milestones:** The milestones handout (**Exhibit B**) was discussed.
  - The Yucca Mountain Program will move at a rapid pace until the end of this calendar year and maybe into the next. On May 14, 2008, there are two meetings that occur almost simultaneously: 1) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's PAPO (Pre-Application Presiding Officer) meets at 9:00 a.m. This is advisory board oversees hearing related Yucca Mountain issues. Until the DOE submits their application to the NRC, we are still in the pre-application phase. The PAPO Board is taking this time to organize the various components of the license application proceedings. If the meetings occur here in Las Vegas, they will be held at 3250 Pepper Lane. Procedural questions may be addressed at the NRC May 14, 2008, PAPO meeting. There is a website that includes all the information for the PAPO Board actions: [www.lsnnet.gov](http://www.lsnnet.gov). 2) The state's legislature high-level waste committee asked the NRC to provide information on the hearing process, i.e., what the NRC's role is. The NRC is the regulator and DOE is the applicant. Through public outreach, the NRC wants to emphasize it is a separate regulatory agency; not part of DOE, and that the DOE is an applicant to the NRC. The NRC and DOE are two independent agencies, not related.
  - On May 27, 2008, the State Commission on Nuclear Projects meeting will be held at the Government Center, in the Commission Chambers, at 9:30 a.m.
  - On May 29, 2008, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, semi-annual meeting, will be held at Embassy Suites on Paradise Road (an all day meeting).
  - These meetings are scheduled prior to the anticipated DOE filing date of June 30, 2008.
  - The license application is larger than 70 chapters, about 8,500 pages, with approximately 200 supporting documents consisting of 1,500 pages. There will be approximately 10,000 pages to review. Anyone who wants to assist in the review should contact Irene Navis at 702.455.5129 or [iln@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:iln@co.clark.nv.us). After reviewing the application, during the months between June and September, we need to determine what comments are pertinent to our positions. Since some entities within Clark County are not "official parties," they do not have official standing at the proceedings. Clark County will work with those entities, incorporate, and present their contentions. The NRC is anticipating the docketing decision to take place on or around September 30, 2008. Within 30 days thereafter, each party needs to submit proposed contentions to the application.
  - The DOE is submitting its final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Caliente Corridor, a document related to the supplemental EIS. The NRC considers the supplemental EIS as part of the DOE's license application.

- DOE forwarded the interim storage report to Congress, which also needs to be reviewed for impacts to Nevada.
- The second repository report, mandated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, should be submitted between 2007 and 2010. This report looks at whether or not a second repository within the country is feasible, and if not, what alternatives are available. DOE may not recommend a second repository, but instead, recommend an expansion of Yucca Mountain.
- DOE is updating the Total System Life Cycle Cost report to reflect project costs in current year dollars.
- The Surface Transportation Board (STB) received an application from the DOE to use the railroad (to be constructed) as a common carrier versus dedicated. The STB is governed by the interstate commerce law and considers public/economic benefits, which include economic impacts that need to be mitigated. The STB process offers another venue to look at the DOE's EIS and to comment on the EIS, especially in terms of mitigation factors.
- Clark County requested the STB to conduct an informational workshop for interested parties.
- By May 7, 2008, Clark County needs to declare their participant status in the application process.
- Nye County met with NDOT, and expressed their concerns that Nevada is not engaged in the STB process.
- Nye County is concerned with the STB deadline, and that the railroad may not be of benefit to anyone.
- DOE has two options: either apply to the STB for a common use carrier or apply to the State for a dedicated rail.
- The time frames for comments to the reports overlap and/or are close together. The reports are related, but are being reviewed by separate agencies who do not speak to each other.

#### **4. Member updates:**

- Internal progress: The Clark County community survey update will be out soon, with the results being submitted to the Commissioners, and then to the committee. There is still 75% public opposition to Yucca Mountain. The critical infrastructure report is nearing completion. This report deals with identification and qualification of critical, physical infrastructure, valley-wide. There are 17 categories of critical infrastructure defined by the federal government related to homeland security. This includes transportation, water supply, waste water treatment and anything that may be impacted by transportation issues.
- The Regional Transportation Commission is updating its 2009-2030 regional transportation plan, scheduled to be completed in either June or July time frame.
- NDOT's annual tribal/county tours for 2008 are scheduled as follows: May 13, Las Vegas Band of Paiutes; May 22, Moapa Band of Paiutes; June 2, Lincoln County; June 3, Esmeralda and Nye, counties, and July 12, brief the transportation commission.
- This morning Senator Dominici introduced additional legislation asking for volunteer communities with a 50:50 private sector annuity for reprocessing and storage.
- Reprocessing is likely to begin somewhere around 2020-2025, if Yucca Mountain goes forward.
- The City of Las Vegas has contracted with Aztec Communications for public outreach.
- Clark County received the best in show award from the International Association of Business Communicators—the Bronze Quill Award. This award was for the "Indian Perspectives" DVD. Five additional awards relating to Yucca Mountain were also presented to Clark County.

- Mesquite Days are coming up, and the City of Mesquite has a booth to educate the public on Yucca Mountain.
- The Moapa Indian Tribe will also have a booth at Mesquite Days, and they want to become more involved with public outreach.
- The committee should look at sustainability with a focus on inter-relationships among the municipalities, and involve the public more.
- The City of Boulder City issued five building permits, and is working with NDOT to mitigate the impact of the by-pass bridge when it opens in 2010. The city is planning to release three square miles for solar energy development.
- The city of Goldfield is in favor of a common use railroad. If the railroad is built without common use, it will not be of benefit to anyone. There is a need for shared use.

**5. & 6. BCC ordinance regarding committee memberships/review and revise bylaws:**

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) introduced a revision to Title 3 of the Clark County Code on April 1, 2008, with the hearing scheduled for May 6, 2008. The BCC wants to enhance the advisory committees' production and make committee rules of operation more uniform. Therefore, Title 3 of the Clark County Code needs to be revised. The revision focuses primarily on attendance. Please review the ordinance (**Exhibit C**) and the committee bylaws (**Exhibit D**) for any impacts. Whatever is in the ordinance should also be included in the bylaws.

**7. Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items.**

- The next meeting will be in the month of May.
- Elect vice-chair.
- Review and revise bylaws to conform to BCC ordinance on absences.