

**CLARK COUNTY
YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2010**

Chairperson Irene Navis called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and introductions:** Irene Navis welcomed the attendees.
Members present: Brok Armantrout, Curtis Brown, Deanna Domingo, Councilman Withelder, Peggy Maze Johnson, Liane Lee, Caren Levenson, Irene Navis, Maria Rodriguez, Daryl Thomé, and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Sharon Beesley, and Melvin McCallum. **Members absent:** None. (**Exhibit A**)
- 2. Consideration of the May 18, 2009, minutes, and the August 17, 2009, and the October 21, 2009, meeting notes:** All were unanimously approved.
- 3. DOE license process update:** Irene briefed the Committee on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission meeting, 3250 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, where contentions will be heard by the judge panel on January 26 and 27, 2010.
 - These contentions are purely legal issues, and are not related to the technical aspects of the application. Clark County does not have any legal contentions, but will be in attendance to observe. The legal contentions being heard are for the State of Nevada, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff, and the Department of Energy (DOE). The hearing will also review the License Support Network (LSN). The Judge panel is interested in hearing what the issues and concerns are related to the ongoing retention of the LSN. The LSN is the document collection each party is required to maintain. Documents for all parties are in the millions. The DOE has 98.9 percent of the documents, and the balance is comprised of the smaller collections from other parties. These documents constitute the permanent record of the DOE license application proceeding. The administrative staff for the judges raised concerns regarding the continuation of the funds required to support the maintenance of the LSN. Their concern is basically what happens to the document collection if funding is cut off or if the license application stops, i.e., withdrawn or suspended. What happens to the documents if the project resumes?
 - The DOE is using this application process as a *lessons learned* effort.
 - Access to the LSN is directly through the NRC portal or through the Clark County Nuclear Waste Division (NWD). There are about 90 documents on the NWD Web page.
 - The NWD currently pays for the LSN with oversight funds.
 - Depositions are scheduled for the first phase beginning this summer. Most of Clark County's contentions will be heard in the first phase beginning June 2010 and ending November 1, 2010, and deal with volcanism. Dr. Gene Smith is the primary witness, and will be working with our legal team.
 - The President will announce the 2011 budget on February 1, 2010. Reduction in funding may occur. All activities related to licensing depend on 2010 funding. Judge panels may schedule regular hearings, depending on funding.
 - The Blue Ribbon Commission is funded with FY2010 money. The membership of the Blue Ribbon Panel is being determined, and will be announced shortly.
- 4. Discuss and reach consensus on appropriate key messages during time of program transition:** The key messages were unanimously approved.

5. Member updates:

- Public Outreach activity: A school presentation is available for students k-12. This is an educational presentation that discusses the basics of radiation, plants, animals, and the environment at Yucca Mountain. <http://www.clarkcountyjust4kids.com/>
A kids' page is also available at www.just4kids.com. This Web page contains illustrations, games and learning tools for young children.
The Chinese New Year Festival is scheduled to be held February 21, 2010, in China Town; the RTC Transportation Fair will be held at two malls: The Galleria Mall, February 20, and the Boulevard Mall February 27. The Clark County Fair will be held in Logandale, Nevada, April 8-11, 2010.
- The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Bronze Quill Awards nominated Clark County for two awards; the Clark County Yucca Mountain pod cast, and the kids' Web page. The awards will be presented at noon at the Four Seasons Hotel, February 24, 2010.
- The Moapa Band of Paiutes distributed information on Yucca Mountain at their Tribal Pow Wow. Preparations are under way for the Mint 400.
- The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds that are being used to improve exiting roads and construct new arterials. Long range plans for the right of way along the I-15 corridor are being prepared. The Ace Gold Line, which provides transportation between the Strip and downtown, is on schedule with a March 2010 completion date.
- There is a music festival planned at the Desert Breeze Park during spring break, the end of March. The School district is compiling information to be used in emergencies, and evacuations, such as a hotel fire. Clark County school bus drivers received training for mobilizing buses in time of an emergency. There are about 1500 buses that can be used in time of emergencies.
- Community Survey results indicate that 75 percent of those contacted, oppose Yucca Mountain. Over 83 percent feel Yucca Mountain negatively affects their property values. The Yucca Mountain question remains a significant issue, in the top10 of the survey.
- The national level emergency preparedness exercise scheduled for Las Vegas was canceled. There may be a cyber terrorist exercise (based on electronics) in January 2011, and a nuclear terrorist exercise in October 2011.
- The Homeland Security meeting held January 11, 2010, dealt with schedules and coordination among agencies represented in Nevada, i.e., the state emergency management office, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Homeland Security, Clark County metro and fire departments. Since they are trying to save on costs, their focus will be on coordinating more events among themselves. NNSA scheduled a full-scale exercise to be held in April 2011; location TBD. NNSA also is planning to hold a full-scale exercise *Zombie Trap*, geared toward Homeland Security, sometime in February 2011.
- Citizen Alert celebrates its 35th anniversary this year, and is making plans to "close its doors."
- The City of Las Vegas is focusing on its budget concerns; but, continues to provide information at city hall and before council meetings. Last week Mayor Goodman was in Washington, D.C., presenting the City of Las Vegas' 2010 legislative agenda. He met with part of the Nevada Delegation. This week and next week he will be meeting with staff, legislation and appropriation directors. All were informed that the City of Las Vegas continues its opposition to Yucca Mountain.
- The City of Mesquite is focusing on its economy, and remains opposed to Yucca Mountain. It is looking at renewable energy projects; i.e., solar energy at Mormon Mesa.

- Boulder City is contracting with Green Tech out of Victoria, British Columbia. They'll be building 2,200 acres of thin-film photovoltaic solar panels that will generate up to 280 MW of electrical energy.

6. Yucca Mountain Advisory Committee 2010 meeting calendar:

The 2010 meeting calendar was approved for bimonthly meetings (**Exhibit B**).

7. Next Meeting Date; Select Agenda Items: February 22, 2010, is the next tentatively scheduled meeting date.