

**CLARK COUNTY
YUCCA MOUNTAIN NUCLEAR WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2011**

Irene Navis, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Welcome and introductions: Irene Navis welcomed the attendees.

Members present: Brok Armantrout, Sharon Beesley, Deanna Domingo, Melvin McCallum, Liane Lee, Caren Levenson, Catherine Lorbeer, Irene Navis, Maria Rodriguez, Ned Thomas, Penny Towers, Councilman Withelder and Holly Woodward. **Members excused:** Peggy Maze Johnson, and Daryl Thomé. **Members absent:** None (Exhibit A).

2. Consideration of the October 25, 2010, meeting minutes: Unanimously approved.

3. Meeting and hearings update:

- On March 22, 2011, the U.S. District Court of Appeals will hear the lawsuits filed by Washington and Florida states, National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC), Prairie Island Indian Tribe, Aiken County, South Carolina, and a few others. This will begin the proceeding to determine whether the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has the legal right to withdraw their site license application. It is important for Clark County to be part of this, because if the ruling of the Court of Appeals is that DOE cannot withdraw their application, it puts the application back in play. In spring 2010, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Construction Authorization Board (CAB), stated that the DOE does not have the authority to withdraw the application.
- Last week the DOE, NRC, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and the state of Nevada, all filed comments regarding safety and the legal issues before the CAB. There may be another hearing after the Court of Appeals hearing, simply because all of the items required by the CAB still need to be addressed. The CAB may hold a meeting to determine the legality of, and to discuss and argue the various filings.
- A majority vote by the NRC in favor of keeping the site license application active or accepting its withdrawal is needed.
- Oversight meetings cannot be used for litigation.
- There is a meeting with NWD attorneys this week to discuss the time line for depositions, since there is no formal withdrawal of the application. There is a minimum, usually a 60 day hearing notice for depositions. Although DOE has closed their offices in Las Vegas, Nevada, the NWD must still be prepared and ready.
- Discussions with the NWD expert witness on volcanism, safety issues and repository location, are necessary since this deposition may be one of the first to be called.
- The Blue Ribbon Commission will meet in New Mexico tomorrow, Thursday, in Carlsbad, and Albuquerque Friday. They are scoping alternatives to Yucca Mountain. Yucca Mountain is not to be considered. A draft paper may be ready by July 2011, and the final paper by the end of the year. The commission is meeting more regularly, and there is the possibility they will tour Yucca Mountain.
- The meeting in Carlsbad will focus on the direction of the newly elected Governor and Attorney General regarding the possibility of storing high-level nuclear waste at WIPP.
- The Government Accounting Office (GAO) met in late November/early December regarding alternative uses of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) as well as ideas and suggestions for Yucca Mountain. Clark County may be supportive of anything that is not high-level nuclear waste storage.

- Phil Klevorick and Irene Navis gave an emergency and environmental management presentation to the Moapa Band of Paiutes
- The Clark County Office of Emergency Management was requested by the City of Mesquite to help when homes were threatened by a flash flood.
- Irene, Director of Clark County Emergency Management, helped Mesquite obtain sandbags in preparation for the flooding, and coordinated relief efforts among the states of Utah, Arizona and Nevada.
- February 13, 2011, is the Chinese New Year Festival. NWD will have a booth there for public outreach.
- Mesquite Days will be held in May and the NWD will have a public outreach booth there.
- The Clark County Fair will be held in April at Logandale, Nevada. NWD will have a booth there, too.
- Irene will attend the District Court of Appeals Hearing in Washington, D.C., and report on the findings from the hearing at the April meeting.

THERE IS NO LONGER A QUORUM.

- 5. Discuss and define ongoing role for Advisory Committee:**
 - Since there is no longer a quorum, this item will be discussed; but, there will be no action.
 - Give some thought to lessons learned and best practices.
 - Anything that is changed regarding this committee's mission statement and bylaws or scope will need to be approved by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners.
- 6. Discuss Advisory Committee meeting dates:**
 - Quarterly meetings seem to be working.
- 7. Next meeting date; Select agenda items:**
 - Tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2011.



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