

Meeting Minutes

Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board October 18, 2006

The Yankee Rowe Fuel Storage and Removal Community Advisory Board held their fall 2006 meeting at the Mohawk Park Restaurant in Charlemont, Massachusetts, on October 18, 2006.

Attendees: Carol Angelo, Anita Barker, Chuck Bellows, Anne Skinner, Art Schwinger, Dawn Peters, Tom Wilson, Gail Cariddi, Ellen Babcock

In Chairman Lenny Laffond's and Vice Chairman Bill LeQuier's absence, former CAB Chair Chuck Bellows ran the meeting. Chuck called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The April 12, 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

Decommissioning/Site Closure Update Joe Bourassa – Site Closure Director

Joe told members that all of the remaining decommissioning waste had been shipped out in September and that Final Status Survey (FSS) field work was complete and all areas had been turned over for final grading. Yankee is currently focusing on completing grading and seeding the site and demobilizing. NRC License termination is expected in the summer of 2007. Yankee will need to continue groundwater monitoring until the 2010-1013 time frame to meet the State's criteria.

There are approximately 80 personnel currently supporting the decommissioning project. There have been no lost time accidents so far in 2006. There has been one OSHA recordable injury, but Joe said that an injury that occurred today could possibly be another OSHA recordable.

The majority of the roadway from the gatehouse to the fuel storage facility has been rebuilt and the majority of the site has been graded and seeded. Equipment and trailers are in the process of being demobilized.

Construction of the dam extension is ongoing. Most of the work will be completed over the next few weeks. A modular administration office building will be installed in December to support fuel storage operations. A new septic system and potable water supply line to the administration building will also be installed.

Joe informed the CAB that 87.9 million pounds of waste had been shipped between October 2005 and September 2006. There will be some limited waste generated from demobilization activities that will require shipment over the next few weeks.

Yankee is continuing to implement groundwater monitoring program activities in support of site closure. Groundwater closure plans were developed and submitted to the NRC

and MADEP for review and acceptance. A 3-D groundwater model has also been developed. Five additional wells were installed – one to replace a damaged well, one to fill a data gap in the well network and three to support non-radiological groundwater monitoring. The most recent results for well 107C were 34,700 picocuries per liter. This is the only well sample result above the EPA drinking water minimum concentration limit standard of 20,000 picocuries per liter. Although this is a very low yielding well, results are showing a decline over time that is quicker than the decay rate. The quarterly groundwater sampling was completed in September with the results expected by the end of October.

Yankee expects to submit all remaining FSS reports to the NRC in December. The NRC's independent contractor, ORISE, will be returning next week to perform some final verification surveys. Yankee is continuing to meet with the MADEP to discuss ongoing activities in support of site closure and expects to submit the Combined Risk Report towards later this year. Several NRC inspections have been conducted since the last CAB meeting with no issues identified.

A nuclear waste issue update handout was provided to members for review at their convenience.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a question was asked regarding the MADEP's criteria for groundwater. Joe said the State requires that the EPA's 20,000 picocuries per liter standard be met for the site.

Carol Angelo announced her resignation from the CAB. She said it had been a pleasure to serve on the board and thanked Yankee and the CAB members. She said she had notified the Monroe selectmen of her resignation so they could appoint a replacement.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 11, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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