

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board September 28, 2000**

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board met on September 28, 2000 at City Hall in North Adams, Massachusetts. Chairman Gail Cariddi called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

#### **ATTENDEES:**

Chuck Bellows	Gail Cariddi
Jack Cable	Mandy Comai
Bill LeQuier	Nina Newington
Anne Skinner	Bob Gallagher
Jana Brule	

The June 15, 2000 meeting minutes were approved.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **DECOMMISSIONING UPDATE**

###### **Brian Wood – Site Manager**

There have been no lost time accidents this year to date, or OSHA recordable injuries. The crew at Yankee has worked 340,000 safe work hours since the last lost time accident.

Brian provided an update on the PCB-containing paint chip monitoring and sampling program. Yankee is monitoring road sand and catch basins and monitoring and inspecting buildings and structures. Yankee has also characterized paint chips, sampled Sherman Pond sediment, and painted the Containment sphere to seal previous coats of paint and prevent flaking. Additional samples will be collected from Sherman Pond to determine paint chip migration and Yankee will continue to monitor the integrity of paint on buildings and structures. The Containment sphere will be taken apart piece by piece after the fuel is transferred from the fuel pool to the dry storage facility.

##### **FUEL STORAGE UPDATE**

###### **Bruce Holmgren - Dry Fuel Storage Oversight Manager**

Bruce stated that it is Yankee's goal to engineer, build, and operate a high quality dry cask storage facility for Yankee Rowe's used fuel until the DOE removes the fuel. He said the construction of the dry cask storage facility is underway at Rowe and that the transportable steel fuel canisters and vertical cask liners are being fabricated. Design support services are being provided by Duke Engineering & Services. The fuel transfer building is under construction. It is a steel framed structure 56 feet by 30 feet and 25 feet

tall. When the sixteen transportable steel fuel storage canisters arrive they will be temporarily housed in the former Stores warehouse.

In August, the Daniel O'Connell's Sons Construction Company began work on the site for the concrete storage pad and access roadway. They are the same company that reconstructed the spillway bridge to accommodate the shipment of the reactor vessel in 1997. They are preparing the site and will begin placing concrete in October. Construction of the concrete storage pad should be completed by November.

Yankee contracted with NAC International in 1996 for the Dry Storage System. NAC has contracted with Hitachi Zosen and Hi Tech to fabricate the system components. Hitachi Zosen in Japan is scheduled to deliver the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fuel canisters in December of this year. Hi Tech Manufacturing, Inc. in North Carolina is fabricating the vertical concrete cask liners and transfer cask. The transfer cask is scheduled for delivery in November. The steel liners for the concrete casks are scheduled to be delivered by March 2001.

The fabrication process is subject to a comprehensive quality assurance program. A "Lessons Learned" meeting will be held soon in Atlanta to assure all involved are performing their jobs properly.

## **DOE LAWSUIT/FEDERAL APPEALS COURT DECISION**

Ken Heider, Vice President

Ken gave an update on the status of the DOE lawsuit, which is in the discovery phase now, and talked about the recent federal appeals court decision which affirmed the government's liability for breaching its contract with Yankee to remove fuel.

Ken told the CAB that Russ Mellor, Yankee President and CEO testified that day at the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing in Washington. The hearing was held to examine the impacts of the U.S. Appeals Court decision upholding Yankee's right to sue the federal government for failure to begin accepting used fuel from the Yankee Rowe plant.

Ken gave a brief history of the government's commitment to nuclear power in the 50's and their failure to accept the fuel as promised. He said Yucca Mountain, the site being studied for a national repository, will not be ready until 2010, and it will be another 10 years or more after the DOE begins removing fuel before Yankee's fuel is completely removed.

Nina Newington raised concerns about moving fuel before a national repository is completed, which would involve moving the fuel twice. Ken Heider responded that used nuclear fuel has been, and is currently, transported across the U.S. on a routine basis from naval bases, research facilities and from foreign countries to existing DOE facilities for temporary storage until a permanent repository is available.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion was made, and seconded, to revise the CAB Charter to eliminate term limits for CAB members. The request for an official change to the language in the charter was presented to Yankee Atomic for approval.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **DATE/LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2000, at 7 o'clock at the Charlemont Inn in Charlemont, MA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

A video of the meeting is available by contacting Mandy Comai at 413-424-5498, 802-423-7775 or [mcomai@together.net](mailto:mcomai@together.net).