

MEETING MINUTES

Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board
April 16, 2003

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board met on April 16, 2003, at the Mohawk Park Restaurant in Charlemont, MA.

Chairman Chuck Bellows called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Chuck introduced Dawn Peters, the new CAB member representing the Town of Heath. Eight CAB members were present.

Attendees:

Chuck Bellows	Anita Barker	Jana Brule
Bob Gallagher	Lenny Laffond	Dawn Peters
Rick Willams	Tom Wilson	

The January 15, 2003, meeting minutes were accepted after a minor grammatical change and an inserted date. The corrected version of the meeting minutes is on Yankee's web site at www.yankee.com.

Decommissioning/Fuel Transfer/DOE Damage Claim Updates Brain Wood

Brian Wood introduced Greg Maret, Yankee's new Vice President of Decommissioning. Brian also announced that Rick Kacich, who was interim President, is now President of Yankee Atomic Electric Company, and that Ken Heider will continue as Vice President of Operations and Decommissioning for Connecticut Yankee. Greg Maret said he was glad to be back at Yankee where he began his career in 1981. Greg told the CAB members he looks forward to interacting with them.

Brian Wood stated that the site safety performance is excellent. It has been two years and 925,000 work hours without a lost time accident. There were no OSHA Recordable incidents to date in 2003. There will be a one-million safe work hour celebration in June if the record continues. The worker radiation exposure has been maintained below expected levels.

Fuel Transfer

14 of 16 fuel canisters are now on the fuel storage pad. The lower fuel rack removal and pool clean up is now in process. Yankee expects to have the 15th canister, containing the last of the fuel, and the 16th and final canister, containing Greater Than Class C (GTCC) waste, on the storage pad in the May/June time frame. NAC is expected to demobilize in late July. The severe winter weather caused several delays during the fuel transfer

project. Low temperatures, snow and wind caused Yankee to stop operations of the crane and transfer truck on several occasions.

Demolition and Disposal Preparations

Brain Wood told the group the demolition contract has been awarded to DEMCO of West Seneca, NY, a town near Buffalo. DEMCO is in the process of selecting key personnel. Yankee interviews, reviews and approves the people to be hired. DEMCO has to submit a project plan and a mobilization and transition plan to Yankee. No demolition will begin until the fuel pool clean up is completed. Yankee is now realigning their oversight group to include mechanical and structural engineers with the expertise needed to oversee demolition and shipment of the demolition debris to EnviroCare in Utah.

Regulatory Interactions

Yankee recently filed an amended damage claim in their lawsuit against the DOE for failing to remove the spent fuel from the Yankee site. The amended claim reflects increased costs associated primarily with security enhancements since September 11. Yankee also submitted a FERC rate case filing to reflect the increased costs.

A routine NRC inspection is in process. In May, Yankee will host a “table top” integrated response plan emergency exercise for representatives of agencies, such as the FBI, MEMA, VEMA, and MA and VT State Police, who would respond to a security event at the Yankee Rowe site. Yankee submitted an application to the EPA and Massachusetts DEP to renew its NPDES permit for the future discharge of service water, management of stormwater, and the addition of a purification process for releasing water, including the spent fuel pool water. The two agencies will publicly notice the final draft permit for comment before issuing the permit to Yankee. Yankee expects to submit their License Termination Plan to the NRC in November of this year.

Demolition Contract Award & Demolition Overview **DEMCO**

Brian wood introduced Bill Schaab II, Vice President and Manager of Operations for DEMCO, the company awarded the demolition contract at Yankee. Bill explained that DEMCO conducts small to midsize demolition and performed \$30 million dollars worth of business last year. They have nuclear experience and have performed work at Oakridge in Tennessee, Rocky Flats in Colorado, and at Connecticut Yankee. Bill introduced a few of the DEMCO key site personnel: Mike Niehoff (Project Director), Dwight Petit, (Assistant Project Director), and Mike Furner (Construction Manager). Bill said, “Part of DEMCO’s philosophy is that safety is number one and no one will sacrifice safety for cost.”

At present DEMCO is learning about the community and Yankee Rowe site and will not begin demolition until the fuel transfer project is complete. The next three months will be

spent carefully planning and preparing for demolition activities. DEMCO expects that demolition equipment will begin to arrive by the end of June.

NRC Update

John Wray, NRC Region 1 Health Physicist and Lead Inspector

John told the CAB that two inspections were conducted last year. The NRC evaluated Yankee's ability to safely load spent fuel from the spent fuel pool into the dry cask storage system and transfer the loaded canisters to the pad. These inspections were conducted by specialists from Region I and the NRC Headquarters. The NRC found no violations of NRC criterion and that the fuel was transferred in a safe and compliant manner. Additional evaluations included security enhancements, spent fuel pool activities, QA and self-assessment programs, Radwaste shipping program, and the RP, Maintenance and Surveillance programs. The NRC found that programs are effective with no violations of NRC criteria. In the future, the NRC will inspect the final fuel moves, the spent fuel pool drain down, and the demolition of the containment structure. They will also continue to review the License Termination Plan, the Final Status Survey and Security.

Site Closure Update

Jim Hamilton, CLF Ventures

Jim explained that CLF Ventures is helping to make sure that Yankee is prepared to transfer the site when the decommissioning is completed and to release the property from both a radiological and non-radiological standpoint. A significant amount of assessment work was completed in 2002. Outreach and education are the primary efforts in 2003 with the bulk of the fieldwork to be completed in 2004 and 2005. The final goal, according to Jim, "will be a big wall of books," containing all site closure documentation, which will be available to all stakeholders.

Public Comment

Debbie Katz, of Citizens Awareness Network, asked questions concerning worker exposure during the fuel transfer process, and the spent fuel pool cleanup and discharge. Tom Wilson requested to be put on the July agenda to discuss Hardened On Site Storage (HOSS).

The next CAB meeting will be held at the Yankee site on July 16, 2003 in order for CAB members to tour the site. Chuck Bellows Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:35. A video of this meeting is available by calling the Yankee Visitor Center at 413-424-5498, or by e-mailing Mandy Comai at mcomai@together.net or mcomai@yankee.com

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Comai, (in Carol Angelo's absence)