

MEETING MINUTES
Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board
April 21, 2004

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board held their second quarterly meeting on April 21, 2004, at the Mohawk Park Restaurant, in Charlemont, MA.

Attendees:

Carol Angelo
Chuck Bellows
Gail Carridi
Bob Gallagher
Lenny Laffond
Allan Twitchell
Rick Williams
Dawn Peters
Bill LeQuier
Art Schwenger
Robert S. Hayward Sr. (for Ken Plumley)
Tom Wilson

CAB Chairman, Chuck Bellows, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The January 21, 2004 meeting minutes were approved after Art Schwenger requested that a question he posed to Dave Howland (and Dave's response) regarding the cost of the state's regulatory activities be included in the minutes. The information will be added to the minutes. The revised CAB member contact list was distributed.

April 23, 2004 Informational Meeting Between Yankee and the Towns of Charlemont, Heath and Hawley

Chuck Bellows announced that there was going to be a meeting on Friday, April 23, 2004 at 10 AM at the Mohawk Park Restaurant between Yankee and the towns of Charlemont, Heath and Hawley to explore whether any of the demolition debris from Yankee could be used to help cap the towns' regional landfill.

CAB's Future Role and Activities

Discussion on the future role of the CAB was held. Brian Wood stated that the CAB has been a useful vehicle to get information out to the communities. Gail Carridi suggested the CAB meet again quarterly for the next year and then could decide whether to meet quarterly or biannually. Dawn Peters said the CAB should continue to meet for at least a year after decommissioning was completed because of the fuel storage facility. Tom Wilson said he feels the CAB is a good way to keep Yankee in check and balance. Kelley Smith added that Yankee will support the CAB in their decision. Brian Wood said that the containment will be down by the end of July or the first part of August.

CAB members agreed to meet at the plant on June 16th at 5:30 PM for a plant tour and meeting rather than on the previously scheduled date in July. The Cab will hold its 4th quarterly meeting on the regularly scheduled date in October. Chairman Chuck Bellows said he would like the discussion of the CAB's future role to be revisited at the October meeting and asked that it be put on the agenda for the October 20, 2004 meeting.

Current Events

Brian Wood informed CAB members that at approximately 5:30 AM an empty truck returning to Yankee Rowe from Rochester, NH was hit head on by an oncoming car that had crossed the center line. The driver of the car was killed. The truck driver received minor injuries and was taken to the hospital. A written summary of the accident was provided to CAB members.

Demolition /Waste Transportation Update – Brian Wood

Brian Wood said that site safety performance had declined during the first quarter of 2004. There was one lost time accident when a worker fell on an icy walkway and seriously injured his knee. There were also two OSHA Recordable incidents. This happened during 1.3 million work hours. The Yankee OSHA Recordable rate is 4.83 vs the construction industry recordable rate of 7.80. Brian said the weather was miserable and the snow and ice were not cleaned up properly. Yankee and DEMCo worked together to rectify this problem.

Yankee is making good, steady progress on demolition and disposal, according to Brian. Most of the characterization and remediation activities are complete. The turbine building and the contents are shipped off site. The yard area crane, fuel transfer building, rad-waste warehouse, compactor building, waste evaporator and mixed waste warehouse demolition are completed. The three rubble piles left are being sorted, separated and shipped to Envirocare of Utah. The vapor container legs and spent fuel building complex PCB paint remediation is progressing. The vapor container shell demolition is under way. Portions of the bottom and the top have been removed. Three to six sections are removed daily.

So far a total of 19 million pounds of waste has been shipped off site. There remains about 21 million pounds of concrete and steel debris "to go" and 83 million pounds of licensed material "to go."

The waste shipping campaign transportation routes are:

Primary: Rowe/ Whitingham/ Route 100 / Route 9/ Route 91

Evaluating: Rowe/ Charlemont/ Route 2/ Route 91

The cause of the March 2, 2004 waste shipping container accident on Ford Hill Road was attributed to the failure of an under-rated chain for the container and its load. The

trucking vendor operator did not lash down the load properly and the vehicle was not properly equipped. There was also a failure to verify the equipment capacity.

- A root cause analysis determined that four barriers failed which contributed to the accident:
- Qualification & control of contractors
- Procedures (needed improvements)
- Restraint System
- Training of personnel securing load properly

The drivers are now properly trained. The accident site was cleaned. Bob Gallagher told CAB members that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health tested the accident site following the removal of the debris and confirmed Yankee's test results that there was no radioactivity above natural background radioactivity. Special trailers utilizing the lock and pin method are now being used to transport these loads.

Vapor Container Fire Incident

On April 14, 2004, a small fire started in the Vapor Container when some hot metal (slag) from the torch cutting of the steel container shell fell into the lower levels of containment and landed on a fire retardant plastic covered wooden platform. The fire watch personnel were unable to access the area of the fire due to the smoke and the Rowe Fire Department was called. An Unusual Event was declared because the fire smoldered and burned for more than a half hour. Brian said the site Fire Brigade and the Rowe Fire Department took exemplary response actions in dealing with the fire which was small but produced a lot of smoke. Accessible combustible material has been removed from the affected area and the torch cutting has resumed.

2004 - 2005 Project Milestones

Completion of above ground structures demolition – December, 2004

Projected LTP approval - First Quarter 2005

Physical decommissioning complete - June, 2005

Site restoration work complete - September, 2005

Property available for transfer - December, 2005

Brian Wood's handout included numerous pictures of ongoing demolition activities.

Site Closure Project Update/Joe Lynch

Joe Lynch told the CAB that as one of the stakeholders they would have input in the License Termination Plan (LTP) review process and would be kept informed of Yankee's progress. Joe explained that Yankee began work on the detailed LTP in November 2002. The formal submittal to the NRC was on November 24, 2003. The NRC's acceptance review is in the final stages. By May 1, 2004 it is anticipated that the NRC Acceptance Review and notice in the Federal Register will be completed. The NRC is expected to hold a public meeting in June at the Mohawk Trail Regional H.S. in Buckland. The Final

Site Survey (FSS) will be conducted in 2004-2005 and then the site can be released from the license and the property not associated with the ISFSI will be available for transfer.

Joe said Yankee is approaching the regulatory aspects of Site Closure with an integrated permitting strategy. It is important that there is technical competency and completeness. There will be regulatory and agency approvals and stakeholder outreach so that everybody understands what is going on and there are no surprises. There will be proactive outreach to build a broad base of project support to guide the project to a successful and timely completion. The Site Closure Project Plan document is continually updated.

The two key permits required in the spring/summer of 2004 focus on two main tasks:

- Shoreline Structure & PCB Sediment removal
- Site Landfill Closure

The recent Permitting submissions are:

- Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation
- Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) - the scoping meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at Yankee Rowe.

The following is a quick schedule of what will happen in the next two months:

- Archaeological and cultural resources report to MA Historical commission – April '04
- Natural Resources Inventory- April '04
- Baseline Environmental Report (BER) –April '04
- Comprehensive Wetlands Permitting Package- May '04
- Risk Assessment Work Plan- May '04
- TSCA Permit Package (EPA) – May '04..

Stakeholder Outreach Initiatives:

- Site Closure Project Plan
- Website at www.yankee.com
 - Updated regularly
 - Reports and filings available to view or print online
 - Feedback encouraged: Electronic forms are provided

All of this information is available at the Site Closure Information Repository at the Greenfield Community College Library in Greenfield, MA. Copies of the Site Closure Project brochure may be obtained by contacting Kelley Smith.

Public Comment

Deb Katz asked what the levels of radioactivity were on the vent stack and where it was shipped. Greg Babineau responded that the vent stack is still on site and will be shipped to Envirocare of Utah. Although the levels were higher than expected, they were still very low and not an exposure concern.

Ms. Katz also said she had received calls from residents in Rowe and Vermont regarding Yankee's shipments and that the perception was that the trucks from Yankee are speeding. Mr. Wood responded that Yankee was adhering to the agreed upon 30 miles per hour along the rural route in Rowe and Whitingham. He said going slower could cause a reverse problem, such as someone trying to pass where they shouldn't.

Allan Twitchell said the trucks pass by his house. Whitingham officials asked that the trucks be spaced further apart and Yankee complied. He said "We are totally happy with the trucking; it has worked out really well." Lenny Laffond said he had been monitoring the trucks and they were complying with the agreed-upon speed limit in Rowe.

Deb Katz asked how much the decommissioning would cost. Rick Kacich said from start to "green field" will be \$636 million. He said it will cost about 6 ½ million annually to maintain the fuel on site after decommissioning is complete. There will be dozens of people on site then, rather than the 100's there are at present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The CAB members will be notified in advance of the details for the June 16th plant tour and meeting.

A video of this meeting may be obtained by e-mailing Mandy Comai at mcomai@yankee.com or mcomai@together.net or by calling the Visitor Center at 413-424-5498.

Respectfully submitted,

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