

Meeting Minutes
Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board
June 15, 2005

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board held their 3rd Quarterly meeting at the Yankee Rowe site in Rowe, MA, on June 15, 2005.

Attendees:

Jana Brule	Anita Barker
Carol Angelo	Lenny Laffond
Bill LeQuier	Anne Skinner
Gail Cariddi	Tom Wilson
Allan Twitchell	Ken Plumley
Rick Williams	

The group met at 6:00 p.m. in order to view the progress of demolition and decommissioning from the Administration building. Greg Maret explained the different activities being conducted on the site, as well as future activities associated with the completion of the decommissioning project later this year.

In the absence of CAB Chairman, Chuck Bellows, Lenny Laffond, CAB Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. The April 6, 2005 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Decommissioning/Site Closure Update

Greg Maret gave a short update having already explained many things during the “window tour.” Greg focused on the site’s safety performance and said it continues to be good even with the transition to a new demolition contractor for the final phase of decommissioning. There have been 541,000 safe work hours since the last lost time accident. There has been one OSHA recordable incident. Yankee’s OSHA recordable rate is 1.32 (12-month rolling average) vs. the construction rate of 7.80

The reactor support structure demolition, including the material processing, will be completed by the end of June. The spent fuel pool above ground demolition will also be completed in June. The intake and discharge structure demolition is progressing and will be completed by the end of this month. Subsurface demolition & remediation is progressing and is scheduled to be completed this summer.

A hand out with recent color photos of the events was provided to each CAB member. Greg said Yankee is in the final process of site closure. A comprehensive list of Contaminants of Potential Concern is in final review. Remediation plans are being finalized for compliance with regulatory requirements.

The 2004 groundwater monitoring program report was issued in the 1st quarter of 2005. Characterization and remediation of PCB soil contamination is ongoing. The material management strategy contained within the Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) application to the Massachusetts DEP is not yet final. The design for the Sherman Dam extension is complete. The final site grading and planting plan is being refined.

Discussion and Approval of Spent Fuel Storage and Removal Community Advisory Board Charter

CAB members approved the new charter for the Spent Fuel Storage and Removal Community Advisory Board after some minor corrections and revisions. All current members will retain their positions. The board will review its mission and membership annually.

License Termination Plan (LTP) Status Summary

The LTP was formally submitted to the NRC on November 24, 2003. The NRC held a public meeting on the LTP on June 24, 2004. Yankee submitted Revision 1 to the LTP on November 19, 2004. NRC approval of the LTP is anticipated in June of this year. Yankee is conducting a Final Status Survey (FSS) at risk with completion scheduled in 2005.

Issues/ Recent Events

Greg Maret explained to the CAB that cement blocks taken from the Yankee site had been used for a retaining wall at a store in Readsboro, Vermont. The blocks were properly surveyed and released in the late 1990's. Recent specialized testing of the reactor support structure concrete where the blocks had originated showed traces of tritium contamination in the concrete, but the levels were extremely low and did not pose a threat to public health and safety or the environment.

Decommissioning CAB Member Appreciation & Service Recognition

All CAB members were individually recognized by Yankee President, Rick Kacich, for their dedicated service on the Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board. Each CAB member was presented with a plaque and a gift in recognition of Yankee's appreciation.

Public Comment

Deb Katz and Harvey Schaktman of Citizens Awareness Network raised the issue of security given the level of construction work on site and the number of construction workers. Greg Maret and Rick Kacich explained that although they couldn't discuss many of the security measures in place because the information is safeguarded, they said that Yankee Rowe's security meets all NRC requirements for decommissioned sites and that the proximity of the workers and their activities did not pose a safety threat. It was also noted that because the fuel in the dry casks is older fuel, there are no longer any radioactive gases that could be dispersed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at the Yankee Rowe site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

A video of this meeting may be obtained by e-mailing Kelley Smith at Smithk@CYAPCO.com or contacting Kelley Smith at 978-568-3650 or 860-305-8735.