

MEETING MINUTES

Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board November 14, 2001

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board met on Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at City Hall in North Adams, Massachusetts. Chairman Gail Cariddi called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

ATTENDEES:

Chuck Bellows
Gail Cariddi
Anita Barker
Rick Williams
Ellen Foberg
Anne Skinner
Nina Newington
Bill LeQuier

The September 19, 2001 meeting minutes were approved after the following corrections by Rick Williams. The third paragraph on the second page should read, "the rods will be removed" (not have been removed). Also, the rods "are to be" put into a reconstituted fuel assembly (not were put into) and replaced with "solid zircaloy" rods (not stainless steel) for storage and transport in the NAC dry storage system. In paragraph five there was a typo. Replace the word "elevation" with "evaluation." On the last page second paragraph the word cask needs to be inserted, "to pay for dry **cask** storage."

Brian Wood, Site Manager, introduced the Yankee personnel present:

Kelley Smith	-	Manager of Communications
Bruce Holmgren	-	Fuel Storage Oversight Manager
Sandy Garvie	-	Security Manager
Nancy Purington	-	Administration Services Manager
Greg Babineau	-	Safety Oversight Manager

DECOMMISSIONING /SAFETY UPDATE

Brian Wood/Yankee Site Manager

Brian Wood spoke of Yankee's excellent safety record. There has been one lost time accident in the last 750,000 safe work hours. There have been two OSHA recordable injuries in 2001, one on site (a lacerated finger) and one offsite at the fire brigade training academy.

FUEL TRANSFER UPDATE
Milestones and Schedule Revisions
Frank Helin/NAC Project Manager

Mr. Helin introduced himself to the CAB members as the NAC Project Manager for the fuel transfer project. He informed the CAB he had worked at Vermont Yankee for 15 years where he was Operations Manager, Outage Manager, and Reactor Engineering Manager. He then worked at GE in Cleveland and said he was glad to return to New England in June to work for NAC on the fuel transfer project.

Frank reviewed the Fuel Transfer Operations Contractor (FTOC) accomplishments, including the completion of the fuel storage facility roadway modifications, the transfer cask load test, the trailer hydraulic jack installation and system function testing, and the yard crane annual maintenance and testing.

Testing for procedure verifications and validation is on going. There will be a dry run to evaluate the entire system. Helin said even those who have experience in fuel transfers would be trained to understand any site-specific conditions at Rowe. He said NAC will not move fuel until Yankee and the NRC are satisfied that NAC has done the planning and preparation to be ready. After the fuel is moved, the fuel pool will be decontaminated and ultimately dismantled.

The fuel transfer schedule has been adjusted. Fuel transfer will begin in April of 2002 instead of the end of this year. The change is primarily due to delays in equipment procurement, installation and testing, and procedure development and staff training. A spring start will also eliminate winter weather related issues.

Security Update
Heightened Security Response to 9/11 10/29
Federal/State/Local Involvement & Support
Security Events and Emergency Preparedness

Brian Wood stated the plant has been on a high state of alert since September 11, 2001. Immediately following the September 11 attacks, Yankee installed a number of jersey barriers at strategic locations, modified the delivery location for materials, revised the process for visitor access, and increased plant patrols. Since that time, a number of NRC advisories were received by Yankee and additional enhancements were undertaken at the plant, including using Massachusetts State Police to supplement site security forces, providing additional armaments to the on-site security force, and supplementing site communications with satellite communications. There have been other actions taken, which are safeguarded information and not disclosed to the public.

Brian explained how the security force members have a wide and varied background. For each new officer there are background searches and fingerprinting done as well as drug, alcohol and psychological testing. The officers are also tested for physical fitness and agility on a regular basis.

New officers are trained for two months and the training includes command and control training, proper decorum on site, documentation of site operations, as well as four weeks of field training. Security officers are also trained in CPR, attend fire brigade training and are trained in the use of heart defibrillators.

On the evening of October 26th, two planes circled the plant. Yankee Security called the FAA and security protocols were followed. National Guard jets arrived to escort the planes away.

Members of the public asked questions about the safety and permanence of dry cask storage, and whether the fuel will stay in Rowe. There were also questions about Yankee's Emergency Plan.

Nina Newington said she is resigning for personal reasons but that CAN will provide another representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

The next meeting will be held in January at a time and place to be announced.

A video of this meeting can be obtained by emailing Mandy Comai at mcomai@yankee.com or mcomai@together.net or by calling the Yankee Visitor Center at 413-4245498.

Sincerely,

Gail Cariddi
Chairman