

MEETING MINUTES
Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board
October 15, 2003

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board held their 4th quarter, 2003 meeting at the Mohawk Park restaurant in Charlemont, MA, on October 15, 2003.

Attendees:

Anita Baker
Chuck Bellows
Gail Cariddi
Ken Plumley
Bob Gallagher
Bill LeQuier
Bruce Lessels
Bill Perlman
Jana Brule
Rick Williams

Chuck Bellows, CAB Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. The meeting minutes for the July 16, 2003 meeting, were approved. The CAB member contact list consisting of addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses was distributed to members for updates and will be reissued with the new information.

Decommissioning and Demolition Update
Brian Wood, Site Manager

Brian Wood stated that site safety performance continues to be excellent. It has been two years and 1,150,000 work hours without a Lost Time Accident. There were two OSHA Recordable Incidents in 2003. They consisted of a twisted ankle and a trip on an uneven surface. The industry record for construction safety is 7.8 and Yankee's is 1.2. Brian said Yankee "is still looking to improve even at this level."

Brian told the group the spent fuel pool was drained by September 12th and the pool decontamination was completed by September 18th. He said the spent fuel water has been processed and released. 145,000 gallons of water was released in accordance with state and federal regulations. A picture of the fully drained spent fuel pool was included in the handout to CAB members.

The stores warehouse, service building annex and administration office complex have been completely demolished. The service building is being evacuated and hazardous materials remediation has commenced. Hazardous materials remediation of the Turbine Building is also in progress. "Our name is no longer on the turbine building," said Brian. Both the service building and turbine building are scheduled to be demolished before the end of the year. 1.3 million pounds of waste has been shipped consisting of office

building debris, including brick, asphalt, and rock. All of the waste is shipped to appropriate landfills. Some radwaste material shipments began this week. These shipments are sent to licensed disposal/processing facilities.

PCB paint remediation on the containment structure is in progress. Brian said cutlines on the structure have also been made. Dismantlement of the containment structure will begin in the spring of 2004 beginning with the top of containment, which will be cut off and segmented.

Issuance and Overview of Site Closure Project Plan

Jim Hamilton, CLF Ventures

Jim Hamilton provided CAB members with the first edition of Yankee's Site Closure Project Plan (SCPP). He said the document will serve as "the bible for the next few years." Jim also said that site closure requires the successful completion of several inter-related efforts, including site characterization and remediation, site demolition, decommissioning and LTP, multi-agency regulatory approvals, stakeholder support, and property transfer.

Jim told the group the closure process would be a comprehensive and visible one that provided stakeholders a roadmap to site closure. There will be continual stakeholder outreach throughout the process.

The SCPP will be the primary vehicle through which Yankee will manage the project and foster stakeholder support. Jim said the SCPP would also be posted on Yankee's website and periodically updated. Other site closure related documents will also be made available on the website.

Introduction of Draft License Termination Plan (LTP)

Ellen Heath, License Termination Plan Project Manager

Ellen explained that the LTP is the plan for demonstrating that the Yankee Rowe site meets the radiological criteria for release from its Nuclear Regulatory Commission license. License termination is part of the overall site closure process. Ellen gave a draft copy of Yankee's LTP to each CAB member so that members could comment or ask questions prior to the formal submittal of the plan to the NRC in late November.

Yankee's first LTP was withdrawn because new federal guidelines, called MARSSIM, were developed after Yankee had submitted its plan. Yankee opted to redo the LTP in order to incorporate the new guidelines.

The NRC specifies what must be included in an LTP. All LTPS must have the following chapters:

Section 1: General Information

Section 2: Site Characterization

Section 3: Identification of Remaining Site Dismantlement Activities

Section 4: Site Remediation Plans

Section 5: Final Site Survey Plan MARSSIM

Section 6: Compliance with the Radiological Criteria for License Termination

Section 7: Update of Site Specific Decommissioning Costs

Section 8: Supplement to the Environmental Report

Schedule Summary

Ellen said Yankee began preparing a new LTP in November 2002. They had frequent technical discussions with the NRC as the new plan was developed. The new LTP will be formally submitted in late November 2003. In addition to the opportunity to comment on the LTP prior to the formal submittal, CAB members will also have an opportunity to formally comment during the NRC comment period. The NRC will hold a public meeting on the LTP sometime in the March 2004 timeframe.

Ellen offered to come back anytime to further explain the LTP process to the CAB.

There was no public comment.

It was decided to hold quarterly CAB meetings. Dates were set for January 21, April 21, July 21, and October 20, 2004.

Kelley Smith will contact CAB members regarding the January 2004 meeting.

Chairman Bellows adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

A video of this meeting can be obtained by emailing Mandy Comai at mcomai@together.net net or mcomai@yankee.com or by calling the Yankee Visitors Center at 413-424-5498.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Bellows
CAB Chair