

MEETING MINUTES
Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board
September 15, 2004

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board held their fourth quarterly meeting on September 15, 2004, at the Yankee Rowe site in Rowe, MA.

Prior to the meeting, members viewed the plant site from the Administration Building. Frank Helin, Decommissioning Director, pointed out and explained specific decommissioning activities and progress, including demolition of the Screen Well House and removal of the spent fuel pool liner. Work is being done in parallel now instead of individual projects. Remediation of PCB-containing paint chips in a 100 foot by 150 foot section of Sherman Pond is scheduled to begin in October.

Tom Wilson asked about the cobalt and cesium in the pond sediment. Frank said there are trace amounts of cobalt and cesium in the sediment that are below regulatory limits and do not trigger any remediation requirements.

At 7 PM, Chuck Bellows, CAB Chairman, called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes of the June 16, 2004 meeting were approved.

CAB Attendees:

Carol Angelo	Anita Barker
Bill Perlman	Tom Wilson
Robert Gallagher	Lenny Laffond
Dawn Peters	Jana Brule
Rick Williams	Chuck Bellows
Art Schwenger	Ann Skinner

Demolition & Decommissioning Activities/ Schedule Update
Frank Helin/Decommissioning Director

Frank Helin said site safety performance improved during the second quarter of 2004. This year there were six OSHA Recordables and one lost time accident. Yankee's OSHA Recordable Rate to date is 4.1 vs. the construction industry Recordable Rate of 7.80.

Demolition and disposal in 2004 has seen continued progress in multiple areas. Most of the characterization and remediation activities are complete. The vapor container shell demolition is 90% complete. The Reactor Support Structure (RSS) demolition is scheduled for November. The Primary Auxiliary Building (PAB) demolition must be completed first. The PAB remediation is complete. Demolition is scheduled for late September. The Screenwell House remediation is complete and above-grade demolition is underway. The spent fuel pool liner removal is underway as is the vapor container steel remediation. High-pressure water is used to remove PCB-containing paint from the steel.

Final permit approvals for PCB-paint chip remediation in Sherman Pond are expected by early October. The project will begin as soon as the permits are approved. Citizens Awareness Network (CAN) has requested a public hearing on Yankee's License Termination Plan and filed six contentions with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Yankee's response was filed on September 14, 2004.

Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) approval for the southeast construction fill area is expected this month. A BUD Application for final site backfill and grading will be submitted this month.

The NRC and their subcontractor (ORISE) are on site verifying PAB and RSS radiological surveys and survey techniques. Marie Miller, NRC Inspector, attended the meeting and was introduced to CAB members. Truck monitoring and survey equipment installation is underway.

Proposal and CAB Vote

Chairman Bellows announced that Bill Perlman would like to address the CAB. Bill told CAB members that Jonathan Block, Citizens Awareness Network's (CAN) attorney, had called him to inform him that CAN wanted to negotiate a binding agreement with Yankee regarding the final condition of the Yankee Rowe site. Bill asked CAB members to consider formally backing CAN's plan. A discussion ensued questioning why CAN should be the entity to determine the final site condition when a variety of regulatory agencies, with protective requirements that Yankee was meeting, were involved. Chairman Bellows indicated that if any entity were to facilitate an agreement, it should be the CAB. The CAB has been involved in the decommissioning process for many years and is knowledgeable and CAN could participate through their membership on the CAB. The request to support CAN's plan was rejected by a majority vote of the CAB.

Three Town Landfill Assistance Update Greg Maret/Vice President

Greg told CAB members that Yankee has met with the three towns (Charlemont, Hawley and Heath) and they are very close to an agreement in which Yankee would fund the engineering study, up to \$70,000, to design the capping and closure plan for the towns' non-active landfill. In return, the towns, particularly the town of Heath, would agree to let Yankee utilize a contingency shipping route in the event the current shipping route through Vermont was unavailable. Greg said that Yankee would not be sending demolition debris or native soil to the landfill. Yankee invested approximately one million dollars in equipment to survey demolition debris to determine its eligibility for use as fill on site. The investment made it more economical to use the material as fill on site vs. sending it to the three-town landfill. Greg also said that it appeared that the three-town landfill in Heath has enough topsoil on a bank at the site for use as fill and capping.

Discussion of CAB's future role – CAB Members

Chairman Bellows asked Kelley Smith to explain what the Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was planning for a post-decommissioning advisory board. Kelley distributed a draft charter developed by the Maine Yankee CAP which proposes to create a smaller panel that will meet once a year with a focus on monitoring fuel storage at the Maine Yankee site and advocating for its removal. Former CAP members not participating in the smaller group would be given emeritus status and could continue attending meetings, but would not be replaced if they chose not to participate.

Most CAB members agreed that there should be some type of community group in place going forward and that a smaller group meeting less often would be appropriate. Chairman Bellows suggested forming a subcommittee to develop a draft charter for a post-decommissioning CAB. Jana Brule, Bill Perlman and Anita Barker volunteered and agreed to meet and prepare a draft charter for the next meeting. Art Schwenger suggested that the group stay the same size as he feels it is such a "broad and diverse group." Jana suggested that there be some connection to other decommissioning advisory groups who have formed post-decommissioning boards in order to take advantage of potential opportunities to unite in an effort to advocate for permanent removal of the fuel from these sites.

The next meeting will be held at the Mohawk Park Restaurant on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

There was no public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

A video of the meeting is available by contacting Kelley Smith at 888-286-5557, ext. 3019, or by email at: ksmith@yankee.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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