

MEETING MINUTES

Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board
September 25, 2002

The Yankee Rowe Community Advisory Board met on Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at the Charlemont Inn in Charlemont, Massachusetts. Carol Angelo, CAB Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM in the absence of chairman, Gail Cariddi and vice chair, Bruce Lessels.

Carol asked the CAB to vote on a *Pro Tempore* chair to conduct the meeting. Chuck Bellows was nominated and agreed to serve. The nomination was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Attendees:

Bob Gallagher
Rick Williams
Anne Skinner
Carol Angelo
Anita Barker
Jana Brule
Chuck Bellows
Jack Cable
Bill LeQuier
Lenny Laffond
Tom Wilson

The June 19, 2002, meeting minutes were approved without any corrections.

SAFETY/SECURITY UPDATE

FUEL TRANSFER UPDATE

DECOMMISSIONING UPDATE

Brian Wood/ Site Manager

Safety/Security: Brian Wood stated that safety continues to be the number one priority at Yankee Rowe and that the overall safety performance at the plant has been excellent. There have been no lost time accidents in 670,000 work hours. There was one lost time accident in the last 1,050,000 work hours. There have been two OSHA recordables, both back strains.

Radiation exposure to workers is being tracked and exposures have been below the limit set as a goal for the year. There was a significant reduction in exposures between the first fuel transfer exercise and the sixth. The first fuel canister to be transferred from the spent fuel pool to the dry storage facility resulted in 4 Rem exposure to workers. The sixth and last canister to be filled to date resulted in 1.2 Rem exposure. Brian said the concepts of

time, distance and shielding were applied to the project. Efforts were made to decrease the time workers were exposed, to increase the distance from the source of the exposure, and to shield workers during certain phases of the transfer.

Due to the one-year anniversary of 9/11, security at Yankee Rowe was escalated to a level IV commensurate with the Homeland Security category level escalation. Jana Brule asked if the State Police were still at the plant and was told there is a State Police presence onsite and patrolling the roads.

Fuel Transfer Update/Video: A video of the fuel transfer process produced by Waterman Studio was shown to the CAB. The eight-minute film condensed hours of video to give a concise image of how Yankee's fuel is transferred from wet to dry storage. Kelley Smith, Yankee Communications Manager, introduced the video and told the group it is available for members of the CAB to show to selectmen or any group in their towns. To borrow a video, please call Mandy Comai at 413-424-5498 or 802-423-7775 or e-mail mcomai @ Yankee.com or mcomai @ together.net.

Six steel and concrete storage containers have each been loaded with a fuel canister and placed on the fuel storage pad. Ten canisters remain to be loaded. The inspection of the fuel in the lower tier rack in the spent fuel pool is underway and will last through October. The entire lower tier has been uncovered and a bow gauge is being used to ensure the assemblies are not bent and will fit into the canisters. As part of this process, visual inspections using underwater cameras are conducted to assess the physical characteristics of the fuel.

NAC is awaiting NRC approval of a canister license amendment prior to loading the seventh storage cask.

Brian distributed copies of the latest NRC Inspection Report of the dry runs and fuel transfers. The report found the work being done is acceptable and the decision making conservative.

Decommissioning Activities: Bids for the next phase of decontamination and demolition are being received and reviewed. Potential contractors have been taking tours of the site. Bids will be accepted on or about December 1, 2002. Brian also said Yankee plans to resume License Termination Plan (LTP) activities and will resubmit the LTP incorporating lessons learned from Connecticut Yankee.

Yankee is responsible for all water collected and processed on site and released according to regulatory guidelines for discharging wastewater. Brian said Yankee is preparing to submit an application for renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Gallagher gave a brief report on his visit to the Maine Yankee Community Advisory Panel's (CAP) meeting in June. Jana Brule gave a report on her attendance at the regional meeting of the Yankee Rowe, Connecticut Yankee and Maine Yankee community advisory boards held in North Andover, MA in August. Jana told the CAB that the representatives who attended the regional meeting would like to capture the three group's experiences in a document that could be used by other plants or advisory groups. Members of the CAB will be sent a survey to help develop the document.

Although absent, Gail Cariddi asked that her plan to resign as CAB chair be announced and that if there was a quorum, to please proceed with electing a new chair and vice chair. Chuck Bellows was nominated as chair and Lenny Laffond as vice chair. The motions were made and seconded and the CAB voted to approve their election. Gail Cariddi will continue to represent the North Adams City Council on the CAB and Bruce Lessels will continue to represent the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

The CAB also voted to begin holding quarterly meetings in 2003. Yankee announced that at the next meeting they will host an appreciation dinner for all CAB members prior to the meeting. The next meeting will be in January at a site to be announced.

On October 3rd the Franklin County Council of Government will meet at the plant site and have a tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Angelo

CAB Secretary