West Valley Phase 1 Study Public Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Meeting Summary -

Meeting Place
Ashford Office Complex
9030 Route 219
West Valley, NY 14171

Attendees
David O'Hehir, Joe Patti, Steve Kowalski, Warren Schmidt, Paul Kranz, Art Klein, Diane D'Arrigo, Ray Vaughan, John Pfeffer, Kevin Murray, Agnes Williams, Bill Schaab, Charles Biedermann, Lynn Winterburger, Kathy McGoldrick, John Rendall, Eric Wohlers, Lynette Bennett

Phone Attendees
Barbara Warren, Joanne Hammeister

Facilitators
Dr. L. Darryl Armstrong, Gail Rymer

Enviro Compliance Solutions Inc., (ECS) Participants
Dhananjay Rawal, Joe Yeasted, Michael Wolff

Agency Participants
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA): Tom Attridge, Paul Bembia, Lee Gordon, Andrea Mellon
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): Moira Maloney, Craig Rieman, Ben Underwood, Martin Krentz, Zintars Zadins, Sandra Szalinski

Welcome and Introductions
Following project updates by NYSERDA, DOE and CH2M HILL-B&W West Valley (CHBWV), the portion of the meeting addressing the Phase 1 Studies began. Darryl Armstrong, facilitator, introduced himself and the facilitation team along with the Phase 1 Studies contractor team from ECS.

ECS Capabilities, Objective and Role
- ECS is the contractor team conducting the Phase 1 Studies activities for DOE and NYSERDA.

- Key personnel of the team were introduced and their qualifications and experience provided.

    - Team leader, Dhananjay Rawal, provided background and capabilities information on ECS. Mr. Rawal highlighted some of ECS projects

completed for the Department of Defense (DoD) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Additional information on the ECS capabilities may be found at www.ecs-i.com.

- Mike Wolff provided an overview of the Phase 1 Studies organizational structure and the objective for the Phase 1 Studies.

  - The objective: Using technical experts in the related fields, conduct scientific studies that will facilitate interagency consensus to complete decommissioning of those facilities remaining at the West Valley Site following the completion of Phase 1 decommissioning.
  - Role of ECS:
    - Provide contracting vehicle to procure the services of an Independent Scientific Panel (ISP), Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), and the Facilitator
    - Serve as SME, as appropriate
    - Procure the services of specialty contractors to perform Phase 1 Studies, as necessary

- Public input in the selection of the ISP and SMEs was discussed as well as how the facilitation process would be conducted. DOE and NYSERDA representatives noted the Phase 1 Study Guidance document on each agency's West Valley Demonstration Project websites would be followed.

Potential Areas of Study and Process

- Topical areas for studies important to the Phase 1 process were provided. Within these topical areas, SMEs will recommend specific studies for implementation.

- The Phase 1 Study Process will involve:

  - Identifying candidates for the ISP, and upon DOE and NYSERDA approval, placement of the ISP members under contract
  - Prioritizing, scheduling and authorization of work on Potential Area of Study (PAS)
  - Identifying appropriate SMEs, and upon DOE and NYSERDA approval, placement of SME members under contract
  - Recommendation of studies by SMEs
  - Upon DOE and NYSERDA approval, conducting studies
  - Evaluating study findings
  - Submitting study data and results

Looking Forward

- ECS will begin work activities on four major areas:

- Development of Phase 1 Studies website
- Hosting of a Climate Change workshop
- Contracting with members of the ISP
- Beginning work on the Erosion PAS

- The public is invited to provide written input on any of these areas to Moira Maloney (Moira.N.Maloney@wv.doe.gov) and Lee Gordon (LMG@nyserda.org) within 30 days of the date of the meeting.

- Discussion regarding the website included requests for a webinar feature, taping of meetings and presentations for later viewing. Also, when posting information to the website, distribute an email to inform people new information has been posted to the site.

- Regarding the Climate Change workshop, suggestions were made to ensure the workshop was broad enough to include past, present and future subject matter components.

- A Near-Term Timeline was provided by ECS outlining activities for the next 12 months. The website and Climate Change workshop were not specifically noted on the timeline, but attendees were informed the website would be discussed at the February public meeting and the Climate Change workshop would be held early next year.

- SME working groups will be convened once SMEs are in place. It is not envisioned that SMEs will work in isolation, but rather together, with the first PAS being on Erosion.

- SMEs for the Erosion PAS have been identified. The agencies' selection will be posted to the websites along with the scope of work for SMEs.

- The public is invited to provide written comments on any of the areas discussed at the meeting within 30 days of the meeting. Comments should be sent to Moira Maloney (Moira.N.Maloney@wv.doe.gov) and Lee Gordon (LMG@nyserda.org).

- It is DOE and NYSERDA's goal to complete the Phase 1 studies no later than 2017.

Next Meeting
The date for the next public meeting is February 22, 2012, but it could change to a week earlier on February 15, 2012. Once the date is finalized, interested parties will be informed.

The following topics were requested for discussion at the future meetings:
- Project Update

- Continuing Phase 1 Studies Discussion
- Climate Change Workshop
- Erosion
- Request for Monitoring 101
- Characterization Sampling and Analysis Plan

Note: Participants must be U.S. citizens and have photo identification. Please contact Moira Maloney and Lee Gordon with questions or comments regarding these summary or future meetings.

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