West Valley Phase 1 Study Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Meeting Summary

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

Attendees
Joe Patti, Warren Schmidt, Paul Kranz, Art Klein, Diane D'Arrigo, Ray Vaughan, John Pfeffer, Agnes Williams, , Charles Biedermann, Kathy McGoldrick, Lynette Bennett, Barbara Warren, Joanne Hameister, Dan Coyne, Pat Concannon, Tony Memmo, Maria Maybee, Andy Goldstein, Bill Snyder, Bob Gates, John Garrick, Lee Lambert, Chris Whipple, Jim Clarke, Kristin Shrader-Frechette

Phone Attendees

Moderators
Darryl Armstrong and Dawn Ford

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

Agency Participants
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): Bryan Bower, Moira Maloney, Ben Underwood, Martin Krentz, Zintars Zadins, and Sandra Szalinski.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA): Paul Bembia, Dave Munro, Lee Gordon, and Andrea Mellon

Welcome and Introductions

Darryl Armstrong, ECS Welcome and Introductions
Darryl Armstrong explained the ground rules of the moderated public meeting.

Mike Wolff, ECS (MW) Presentation (see slides)
Mike Wolff provided an update on the Phase 1 Studies.

- ***Status of Erosion Potential Areas of Study (PAS)***
  -Six Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for Erosion (Robert Fakundiny, Sean Bennett, Michael Wilson, Greg Tucker, Sandra Doty, and Joseph Price) were contracted by ECS.

-A telephone kick-off meeting was held on February 13, 2012, with the SMEs, DOE, NYSERDA, and ECS to discuss the mission, roles, and scope of the Erosion Working Group.

-Objectives and brief bio-data of SMEs were presented.

- ***Status of Climate Change Workshop***

-ECS, DOE, and NYSERDA are working on identifying potential climate change experts, and workshop logistics.

- ***Status of Independent Scientific Panel (ISP)***

-Four ISP members (Dr. John Garrick, Dr. James Clarke, Dr. Chris Whipple, and Dr. Kristin Shrader-Frechette) were contracted by ECS.

-A site visit and kick-off meeting with ISPs was held on February 22, 2012.

-All four ISPs were present in the audience at the public meeting.

-ISP objectives and their brief bio-data were presented.

- ***Looking Ahead and Near-Term Time Line***

-ECS will continue to work with DOE/NYSERDA on Phase 1 Study Website, Climate Change Workshop, and Erosion PAS.

<u>Bryan Bower, DOE Project Update</u>
Discussion points in addition to the slides included:

- There was only 1 reportable safety incident since December 2011. The incident involved small quantities of mercury in waste water discharge from rinsing lab bottles. This was discovered and corrected.
- Since October 17th of last year, DOE has been collecting sludge from the on-site domestic sewer treatment process and taking it to the Buffalo Sewer Authority.
- Currently preparing for demolition of 01-14 Building which will be the first big demolition project and the first skyline change. Have to first remove the services, taking the building cold, dark and dry.
- Decommissioning of the main plant has to be strategically scheduled such that needed services provided by the main plant systems are terminated or outsourced to enable the main plant to be decommissioned.
- CHBWV issued a Request for Proposal for the high level waste canister relocation storage system. This is a huge project which allows DOE to shut down 12 systems that are currently maintaining canisters and enable moving forward with main plant shut down.

- In the present federal budget there is a request for $50 million for West Valley.

Bryan Bower, DOE Overview of West Valley Contractors Roles and Scopes (see slides)

Discussion points in addition to the slides included:

- While waiting for Phase 1 website to launch, information can be found on DOE and NYSERDA websites.
- Phase 1 decommissioning is to be completed by 2020 if budget allows. While Phase 1 activities are ongoing, the Phase 1 Studies will begin.
- For Phase 1 decommissioning there are two scopes of work. The first is facility disposition, which was awarded to CH2M Hill Babcock & Wilcox West Valley (CHBWV). The second is soil remediation, which is a separate contract that is expected to be awarded in 2017. Two million cubic feet of soil will be removed by 2020.
- A separate contract was awarded to Safety and Ecology Corporation (SEC) for environmental characterization during Phase 1 decommissioning. This will enable better characterization of site environmental radiological conditions.
- The role of ECS is to be a neutral contractor ensuring the Phase 1 Studies stay on task.

Next Meeting

The date for the next public meeting is May 23, 2012 at 6.30PM

Suggested Agenda Topics for the May 23rd Meeting

- Erosion SME Update
- WVDP Project Update
- Characterization study
- Air monitoring plan for the time when the buildings come down
- Response to the two letters sent by the Coalition on public participation

Please contact Moira Maloney and Lee Gordon with questions or comments regarding this summary or future meetings.

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