



Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board Meeting

Consent Order Subcommittee Meeting

December 19, 2024

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WebEx Meeting

Minutes

Meeting Attendees (Via WebEx)

Department of Energy

1. Keith Grindstaff, DDFO, Environmental Management Los Alamos
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NNMCAB Members

1. Mark Hayden, Chair
 2. Abbey Hayward, Vice-Chair
 3. Christy Green
 4. Stephen McLaughlin
 5. Patricio Pacheco
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NNMCAB Staff/Support

1. Bridget Maestas, Executive Director
2. Menice Santistevan, Senior Advisor
3. Yolanda Valdez, Executive Assistant

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB) Consent Order Subcommittee was held on December 19, 2024, via Webex. Mr. Keith Grindstaff, NNMCAB DDFO, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Hayward welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an introduction. Ms. Hayward then asked the members to introduce themselves.

III. Approval of Agenda

The subcommittee members reviewed the agenda for the December 19, 2024, meeting. Ms. Hayward asked for a motion to approve the agenda, as presented.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the agenda; Ms. Green seconded the motion. The agenda was approved, as presented.

IV. Old Business

No Old Business was brought up.

V. New Business

No New Business was brought up.

VI. Discussion Items

Ms. Hayward stated that she would be discussing the items attached to the meeting agenda. The attached questions came from an email from Mark Hayden to Bridget Maestas and Abbey Hayward sent on December 10, 2024. The email contained links to the Fully Executed Settlement Agreement, Overview of Revisions to the 2016 Compliance Order on Consent, Fully Executed Revised 2016 Compliance Order on Consent and 10 questions directed to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The items can also be found in the Consent Order meeting packet. Ms. Hayward and Mr. Hayden are currently in discussion on an efficient method to review the larger documents. Suggestions from the committee on how to proceed are welcome.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if a summary that states the implications of the changes to the Settlement Agreement has been created.

Mr. Grindstaff stated that the presentation to the NNMCAB at the September Board meeting would be the best source of information. Mr. Grindstaff will request responses from the Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) to the questions proposed by the Consent Order Subcommittee and ask if a summary discussing the implications of changes to the Settlement Agreement has been created.

Ms. Hayward informed the Subcommittee members that this would be an opportune time to submit any questions.

Mr. McLaughlin asked what items could be premature due to a lack of information on the impacts of the changes to the Settlement Agreement.

Ms. Santistevan asked Ms. Hayward if a goal for the Consent Order Subcommittee had been discussed. She suggested that the Subcommittee review the Settlement Agreement presentation and that it should be sent to the members for review.

Mr. Hayden stated that he reviewed the Settlement Agreement and formulated a list of questions. His intent was to create a timeframe that the Subcommittee could revisit and work with throughout the year.

Mr. Grindstaff updated Mr. Hayden on the questions he will be providing to EM-LA.

Mr. Hayden asked if the Department of Energy (DOE) is still working with the NMED.

Mr. Grindstaff stated that the two entities are still working closely together.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if there was an update on when the Technical Review of the Chromium Plume would be available.

Mr. Grindstaff stated that the Technical Review Report has been received and a communication plan is currently being created. Dr. Inez Triay will be presenting at the January 28th NNMCAB Meeting.

Mr. Hayden asked if NMED would be present at the Board Meeting.

Ms. Maestas stated that she has extended an invitation to NMED and is unaware of who will attend. The January meeting will take place on Tuesday the 28th in the larger Ballroom of the Cities of Gold Hotel. The Technical Review Report may be released to the public by the end of December and Ms. Maestas will provide the report to the members upon receiving it.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if EM-LA had provided any suggestions as to what they would like for the Consent Order Subcommittee to consider.

Mr. Grindstaff stated that no suggestions had been made.

VII. Public Comment Period

Ms. Hayward opened the floor for public comment at 9:49 a.m.

With no public comment, Ms. Hayward closed the public comment at 9:50 a.m.

VIII. Look Ahead

- **Recommendation Topics from Consent Order Subcommittee**

There were no recommendation topics from the subcommittee members.

IX. Adjournment

With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Grindstaff adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Yolanda Valdez,
Executive Assistant**

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Attachments

1. Consent Order Subcommittee Meeting Agenda for 11/19/2024
2. Attachment to Agenda – Questions from Mark Hayden
3. NNMCAB Consent Order Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for 10/02/2024

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