

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Recommendation 193: Agenda Topics for the Long-term Surveillance and Maintenance Conference in Grand Junction, Colo., November 2010

In November 2009 the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board recommended to Inés Triay, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM), that DOE endorse and support a stewardship workshop with active participation of representatives of EM, the DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM), the EM Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB), and, where possible, state and local government officials.

We believe a workshop is necessary to ensure stewardship plans and funding are in place when EM's mission is complete at both closed sites and ongoing mission sites. You know, of course, that when the ongoing mission sites finish their EM mission that each will transfer to the site landlord program (Science in the case of Oak Ridge), not Legacy Management.

In February 2010 we learned that LM was planning to conduct a long-term surveillance and maintenance conference in November 2010 in Grand Junction, Colo. In response to our recommendation we learned the scope of the conference was expanded to include a discussion of surveillance and maintenance of remediated areas at ongoing mission sites.

In April at the Spring EM SSAB Chairs' meeting in Oak Ridge, David Geiser, Deputy Director of LM, distributed a flyer describing the Grand Junction conference. He encouraged the SSAB representatives to offer suggestions on the content of the conference.

Working through you as the EM point of contact, we offer the following suggestions for agenda items at the Grand Junction conference:

- Roles and Responsibilities of the Primary, Implementation, and Oversight Stewards
- The Transition Process from EM to Other Landlords and Steps to Ensure Long-term Stewardship at both Closed and Ongoing Mission Sites
- Funding for Long-term Stewardship
- Community Involvement
- Availability of Information on Remediated Sites
- Commitment of DOE Headquarters To and Involvement with Planning and Initiation of Longterm Stewardship, Including Ongoing Mission Sites.

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We respectfully ask that you transmit these agenda ideas to the organizers of the Grand Junction Long-term Surveillance and Maintenance Conference. We're somewhat concerned that the conference is planned for November 2010, however a draft agenda has not been made available. We ask that a draft agenda of the conference and a list of proposed speakers be provided to all SSABs for comment and input as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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