

CHAIRS ROUND ROBIN

Spring 2021





IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

ICP CAB Hot Topics:

- Protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer by monitoring and tracking cleanup progress and milestones related to compliance with the Idaho Settlement Agreement (ISA) and other cleanup-related regulatory and legal agreements
- Overseeing the safe startup of the steam-reforming technology at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) to begin processing 900,000 gallons of liquid sodium-bearing high-level waste

ICP CAB Goals:

- Urge timely decision-making and funding to support activities related to SNF repackaging and calcine retrieval and packaging to meet 2035 ISA milestones
- Encourage the development of a complex-wide plan and process to move forward and establish certainty on identifying, funding, and opening a long-term high-level waste repository
- Monitor the selection and possible transition between contractors for the Idaho Cleanup Project with minimal impact to processing efficiency, worker retention, and safety
- Expedite decision-making related to the resumption of RH-TRU emplacement at WIPP



SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Primary Concern: Membership

- Our membership package was submitted in late August 2020 and is still under review
- Because of the delay, most of the board's membership has lapsed
 - The SRS CAB currently has just 7 members
- We cannot meet and have been unable to provide stakeholder input on numerous topics, including the site's budget priorities

We do not understand this unprecedented delay.



PORTSMOUTH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- The SSAB is anticipating the active work of demolition, excavation and waste placement to begin. Years of work, and many recommendations, have been involved and we're looking toward this milestone event.
- The SSAB has concerns that a subset of the community continues to voice concerns of the safety and wisdom of D&D and permanent waste placement. This encourages DOE to build trust with all stakeholders.



PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- Shipment of DUF6 oxide
- Deactivation
 - New substation
 - Dry Hybrid fire suppression system to reduce building heating costs



HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD

Successes:

One of the most contaminated buildings (PFP) in the EM complex has been D&D to slab on grade.
HAB Developed and issued 5 pieces of consensus advice – despite pandemic challenges

Priorities 2021 and Beyond:

DFLAW (Direct Feed Low Activity) processing by 2022/2023

Leaking tanks - 53M gallons of radioactive/chemical waste

HLW (High Level Waste) processing delayed until 2030s

Interpretation of HLW designation

Potential for additional waste disposed at Hanford? More information needed by board members

Transparency

Timely information to HAB and Public - beyond required public comment periods

Pandemic protocols resulted in cleanup delays, but progress continues.

New HAB members proposed to increase diversity, under- represented and most affected interests and individuals.



OAK RIDGE SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- Submitted FY21 membership package
- Ongoing discussions on workforce/program shift to focus on Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) / Y-12 sites
- Planning for major groundwater decision/recommendation for East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP)
- Drafting budget recommendations
- Held first virtual meeting and elected officers
- Onboarded new members
- Attended virtual celebration and public discussions marking achievement of Vision 2020 - completion of major cleanup at ETTP

Challenges

- Recruiting new members and meeting diversity targets during COVID (ex: fewer female applicants)
- Catching up on leftover topics from 2020 (ex: unable to provide budget input last year)
- Delays in membership approval/renewal process and related decision to pause meetings



NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- Submitted FY21 membership package
- Maintained quorum and held all full Board, Executive, and standing committee meetings – initially by phone bridge, now via WebEx
- Prepared, reviewed, and submitted three recommendations to EM-Los Alamos
- NNMCAB members attended several New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Consent Order, cleanup, and permit monitoring WebEx meetings and forums
- NNMCAB members attended monthly EM-LA contractor *Technical Working Group* meetings, and the *Waste Management Symposia 2021*

Challenges

- NM COVID restrictions all but removed opportunities for external interaction to identify new potential members
- Establishing the NNMCAB's cleanup prioritization desires while the NMED's Consent Order lawsuit against DOE is doing the same
- Delays in getting application packages approved
- Additional time required to submit Federal Register Notices for HQ approval



NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD ROUND ROBIN

- Board Accomplishment/Concern:
 - Continued capacity for the NSSAB and the EM Nevada Program to perform in a virtual environment
- Board Interests/Concerns:
 - Ability to assure the public that publicly-accessible groundwater around the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) remains uncontaminated
 - Importance of historic preservation of the NNSS to the local community