

CHAIRS ROUND ROBIN

Fall 2022





NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- NNMCAB subcommittees were able to reorganize and develop annual work plans
- After over two years, NNMCAB members were able to tour LANL EM Sites on June 17th. Covid safe practices were followed
- Members have received updates on the Justice40 Initiative by the Site Manager; and will host an EM-LA Strategic Vision Planning Workshop in early October

Challenges

- Delays in getting nomination packages approved caused several individuals to have to step back from participating for several months
- Recruiting new members has been very difficult. High school graduates and young people are especially difficult to recruit because most work hourly jobs and cannot afford the time
- The recent wildfires and subsequent floods have also had a detrimental impact on the public's ability to engage
- Covid safe practices are still impacting our processes and our ability to engage with the public



OAK RIDGE SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Hot Topics

- Completing remediation of soils, groundwater and other activities required to close East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP); then transfer to Legacy Management for long-term stewardship or for public use where appropriate:
 - Currently tracking finishing activities for History Museum and ongoing land transfers
- Ensuring sufficient waste disposal capacity to support future cleanup activities at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12 National Security Complex:
 - Currently tracking the Record of Decision on a new disposal facility, with updates expected this winter

Goals

- Facilitate decision-making regarding future soil-remediation, groundwater activities at ETTP
- Continue to increase board visibility and outreach to attract new members, particularly considering reduced activities in the last few years:
 - New partnership with OREM to profile current officers in videos that are shared on its new television broadcast, *Energycast*, which is distributed throughout the state via public access TV and shared on YouTube and other social media; plan to expand with other features



SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Hot Topics

- Following last-minute cancellation of a scheduled presentation*, the SRS CAB is extremely concerned with actors outside of DOE interfering with our meeting agendas.
- The SRS CAB recently approved a recommendation that DOE-SR provide an implementation report at least annually on accepted and partially accepted recommendations from the last five years.
- The SRS CAB thanks DOE-SR for the quick and thorough responses to its requests for information.

* spent nuclear fuel accelerated basin de-inventory



PORTSMOUTH SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

- DOE Response to Environmental Contamination Concerns
 - Multiple rounds of public meetings, both in person and on virtual platforms
 - Environmental data shared in a timely fashion on multiple websites and at public meetings
 - PORTS SSAB and DOE to take up environmental data sharing and community education as a workplan topics for upcoming year
- Maximizing community opportunities for redevelopment at this critical juncture of the cleanup process
 - Understanding community goals and visions
 - Realizing DOE's role and capabilities
 - Utilizing PORTS SSAB recommendations to help communicate the board's advice to DOE for cleanup goals and priorities



HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- The HAB is undergoing a transitional period:
 - Transitioning from Covid restrictions to in-person meetings;
 - Transforming membership of the HAB to reflect the diversity of the local area population;
 - Transforming the operational model to be more collaborative with the Tri-Party Agencies and the public.
- HAB is currently involved in discussions with the TPA agencies to update the HAB's foundational documents to improve collaboration, agenda development, and recommendations for policy-level advice.

Challenges

- Successful recruiting of new and diverse members to replace those who reached their term limits; delays in getting nomination packets approved.
- In the last year, HAB members received 28 presentations on topics of interest. HAB presentation materials are required to be reviewed and approved by DOE HQ and OMB prior to the meetings, which makes a long lead time necessary.
- Need for increased levels of funding in order to meet negotiated milestone goals.
- Agenda development would benefit from increased collaboration with the TPA agencies.



PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- Multiple Successes within the DUF6 program
 - Recognized Safety Records
 - Shipments of Uranium Oxide to final disposition are due to begin
 - As an ongoing and active mission, DOE is transitioning management of site resources and utilities to DUF6 contractor under a new contract
- Success in Shipment of R-114 Freon to offsite disposition
 - 2.9M lbs. of R-114 dispositioned, ~5.5M lbs. set to be shipped
 - Elimination of this Greenhouse Gas benefits the local community and aligns with the administration's goals
- Improved Membership Diversity on the Paducah CAB
 - Expanded geographic reach of membership, more balanced in terms of age diversity, male/female balance, and educational background of members
 - Results in a better cross-section of the community and provides a broader range of viewpoints and experiences that yield better questions, thoughts, and comments for board discussions and decision making



PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- Successful DUF6 Conversion Program
 - Six consecutive statewide safety awards
 - Additional shipments of Uranium Oxide for final disposition to begin soon
 - DOE is transitioning management of site resources and utilities to DUF6 contractor under a new contract
- R-114 Freon Disposition
 - High Ozone Depletion Potential and Global Warming Potential chemical whose production ceased in 1995 under Montreal Protocol
 - 2.9M lbs. removed so far, ~5.5M lbs. yet to be shipped
- Improved Diversity on the Paducah CAB
 - New members provide better balance in terms of age, gender, educational background and geographic residence
 - The Paducah CAB better represents the local community and provides a broader range of viewpoints and experiences



IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

ICP CAB Hot Topics:

- Member recruitment issues this year have dramatically delayed the ICP CAB membership package and with just two board members currently, future meetings may have to be postponed
- 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
- Expedite decision-making related to the resumption of RH-TRU emplacement at WIPP

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Completed exhumation of targeted buried waste from 5.69 acres of the Subsurface Disposal Area
- ✓ Successfully transitioned prime contractor Fluor Idaho to Idaho Environmental Coalition, LLC (IEC)



NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Board Interests/Concerns:

- With rapidly increasing population growth and planned commercial development along the current transportation route for radioactive waste shipments in the Las Vegas area, conduct a risk assessment to address future alternatives. This could include shipment rerouting to further promote the safe transportation of waste to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS).
- Conduct discussions at the EM Headquarters level regarding the future of EM-chartered advisory boards that will soon sunset, such as the NSSAB, to continue providing the community's perspective on long-term monitoring and radioactive waste disposal at the NNSS.
- Increase efforts for the historic preservation of Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFACO) one-of-a-kind sites and landscapes at the NNSS.