



EM SSAB NATIONAL CHAIRS MEETING

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U.S. Department of Energy Practices Related to Public Input

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DOE Appreciation

- The Department recognizes the members of the Site Specific Advisory Boards and Citizens Advisory Boards are volunteers and dedicate a lot of time to this work.
- The Department also recognizes that members are asked to weigh in on complex and sometimes controversial issues that can have dramatic impacts on their communities.
- The Department acknowledges that careful thought goes into recommendations and other input and that members bring a vital perspective to DOE operations.
- Simply, the boards are to be commended for the assistance provided to the federal government. Your efforts are recognized and appreciated.



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Impact of Community Input

- The impact of community input can be seen at all DOE facilities.
- DOE values input from local stakeholders and makes significant efforts to work with local communities in a cooperative manner.
- Community input is often a major factor as regulatory processes move forward, not only with the Department, but with regulators and other stakeholders.



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PPPO Examples

- ❑ Paducah CAB facilitated community dialogue on future land use. This included request to DOE for a delay in regulatory efforts related to waste disposal alternatives that allows community to collaborate on future land use.
 - ❑ This strategy has fostered a unified approach between the Department and the community on regulatory decisions.

- ❑ CAB leadership has been consulted by local government officials and is seen as a leading stakeholder group on DOE issues at Paducah.



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PPP0 Examples

Portsmouth D&D

- Based on input from the SSAB and local stakeholders, the draft Request For Proposal (RFP) for the multi-billion dollar Decontamination & Decommissioning (D&D) contract was altered to incorporate community values into the final RFP.
- The current D&D Contractor, Fluor-B&W Portsmouth, is engaged in a multitude of community outreach efforts, which were driven by community input before the award.
- Those SSAB efforts resulted in:
 - Execution of a Community Commitment Plan
 - Increased local procurement
 - Student internships
 - Student scholarships
 - Charitable contributions



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PPP0 Examples

- ❑ Portsmouth Waste Disposition & Future Visioning
 - ❑ The community envisions an economic reuse of the site and the Department is now evaluating various issues that impact the developable area.
 - ❑ The Portsmouth SSAB was one of the first community voices to provide conditional support of on-site disposal of D&D waste as part of a broader future use strategy. The community has followed the SSAB's lead on this and other topics. The community views the SSAB as a leading stakeholder group on DOE issues at Portsmouth.



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“The Politics of Cleanup”

- “The Politics of Cleanup” expresses the following must be achieved for quality engagement:
 - Involves total community
 - Tailored to local community
 - Incorporates community values
 - Fosters collaboration
 - Provides accountability and invokes trust
 - Continues to inform and educate stakeholders
 - Provided for an inclusive method so concerns and preferences of local citizens could be heard and valued



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PPP0 Outreach Initiatives

- ❑ The Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO) has partnered with state universities in Kentucky (University of Kentucky) and Ohio (Ohio University) to assist in the public engagement process.
- ❑ These universities canvassed the local communities and performed **exhaustive** surveys that depicted public sentiment on issues related to the DOE facilities.
- ❑ This allowed for SSAB board members and other stakeholders to be confident they were making decisions built on the foundation of independent, validated data.
- ❑ At both sites, competing views exist on desired end states, which are emotional issues that demonstrate the importance of these facilities in these communities.



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Questions

