



Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board
Combined Committee Meeting
April 9, 2014
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Cities of Gold Conference Center
10 Cities of Gold Rd.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506



Minutes

Meeting Attendees

Department of Energy

1. Pete Maggiore, DOE Assistant Manager Environmental Projects Office
2. Lee Bishop, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO)
3. Jennifer Hackett, Environmental Projects Office

NNMCAB Members

1. Carlos Valdez, NNMCAB Chair
2. Doug Sayre, NNMCAB Vice-Chair
3. Mike Loya, EM&R Committee Vice-Chair
4. Adrian Chavez Sr.
5. Bob Villarreal
6. Stephen Schmelling
7. Angel Quintana
8. Nona Girardi
9. Joey Tiano
10. Alex Puglisi
11. Ashley Sanderson

NNMCAB Excused Absences

1. Mary Friday
2. Irene Tse-Pe
3. Manuel Pacheco
4. Deborah Shaw
5. Kaitlin Martinez
6. Jerry Trujillo
7. Gary Johnson
8. Deidre Roybal

1 **NNMCAB Absences**

- 2 1. Bonnie Lucas
- 3 2. Joseph Viarrial
- 4 3. Allison Majure
- 5 4. Danny Mayfield
- 6 5. Gerard Martinez

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8 **NNMCAB Support Staff**

- 9 1. Menice Santistevan, Executive Director
- 10 2. Bridget Maestas, Administrative Assistant
- 11 3. William Alexander, Technical Programs and Outreach

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13 **Guests**

- 14 1. Patti Jones, Los Alamos National Security
- 15 2. Patrick Longmire, Department of Energy Oversight Bureau
- 16 3. Marian Naranjo, HOPE
- 17 4. Bob Gilkeson, Public
- 18 5. Scott Kovac, Nuclear Watch New Mexico
- 19 6. Steve Yanicak, New Mexico Environment Department/Department of Energy Oversight Bureau
- 20 7. Kathy Sanchez, TEWA Women
- 21 8. Alison Dorries, Los Alamos National Security
- 22 9. Kate Lynnes, Los Alamos National Security
- 23 10. Kathryn Roberts, Los Alamos National Security
- 24 11. Lorrie Bonds Lopez, Los Alamos National Security
- 25 12. Laura Day, Project Time & Cost
- 26 13. Jeff Mousseau, Los Alamos National Security

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28 **at the NNMCAB office, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87506. The written minutes are**
29 **intended as a synopsis of the meeting.**

1 **Minutes**

2 **I. Call to Order**

3 The monthly meeting of the Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB)
4 Waste Management (WM) and Environmental Monitoring & Remediation (EM&R)
5 Committees was held on April 19, 2014 at the Cities of Gold Conference Center in Pojoaque,
6 New Mexico.

7 Mr. Lee Bishop the Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO) stated that on behalf of
8 the Department of Energy (DOE) the meeting of the NNMCAB was called to order at 2:07
9 p.m. Mr. Bishop recognized Mr. Carlos Valdez the NNMCAB Chair, the Chair presided at the
10 meeting.

11 The meeting of the NNMCAB was open to the public and posted in The Federal Register
12 in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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14 **II. Approval of Agenda**

15 The Combined Committee (CC) reviewed the agenda for the April 9, 2014 meeting. Mr.
16 Joey Tiano made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Mr. Doug Sayre seconded
17 the motion. The CC voted all in favor of approving the agenda for the April 9, 2014 meeting
18 as presented.

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20 **III. Approval of Minutes**

21 Mr. Valdez opened the floor for discussion on the minutes of the March 12, 2014 CC
22 meeting. Seeing no comments, Mr. Valdez asked for a motion.

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24 Mr. Tiano made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting as
25 presented; Mr. Stephen Schmelling seconded the motion. The motion to approve the
26 minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting as presented passed.

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28 **IV. Old Business**

29 Mr. Valdez stated that due to Mr. Mike Loya being term limited at the end of April 2014;
30 Mr. Stephen Schmelling would be taking over as the interim Chair for the Environmental
31 Monitoring and Remediation Committee, until elections are held in October.

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33 Ms. Santistevan asked the members to fill out the Rocky Flats tour information sheet
34 that was being passed around, if they were interested in attending the tour.

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36 Mr. Valdez asked if the chromium project had started back up.

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38 Mr. Bishop responded that the pumping had not yet started back up; however, noted
39 that the initial report had been submitted to New Mexico Environment Department and Los
40 Alamos National Laboratory is currently waiting on a response.

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V. New Business

a. Appointment of Nominating Committee for FY'15 Election

Ms. Santistevan stated that the By-laws for the NNM CAB require that a nominating committee be appointed to ascertain who would like to run for office. Ms. Santistevan noted that the elections for the officers would take place at the July 30, 2014 NNM CAB board meeting.

Mr. Valdez asked if any members would like to volunteer to serve on the nominating committee.

Mr. Schmelling stated that he would serve as one of the members on the nominating committee.

Mr. Valdez asked Ms. Angel Quintana if she would serve as the second member on the committee.

Ms. Quintana responded that she would work with Mr. Schmelling on the nominating committee.

b. Update from Annual Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Valdez asked if Mr. Puglisi would give an update on the annual evaluation.

Mr. Puglisi stated that the committee consisted of himself, Manuel Pacheco, and Ashley Sanderson. He noted that he had not yet had a chance to talk to the committee members and with the assistance of the NNM CAB staff; he would like to set up a meeting with the committee to discuss the evaluation tool.

Ms. Santistevan noted that she would work with Mr. Puglisi to get a meeting set up.

c. Consideration and Action on Draft Recommendation 2014-01 "FY'16 Budget Priorities"

Mr. Valdez opened the floor for comments and discussion on Draft Recommendation 2014-01 "Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Priorities."

Mr. Puglisi asked if a recommendation was still needed for the 33 Shafts, if they are addressed as item #4 in Draft Recommendation 2014-01.

Mr. Bob Villarreal stated that he is working on a recommendation for the 33 Shafts; however, at this time is not ready to bring it before the Board.

1 Mr. Valdez responded that the items listed in Draft Recommendation 2014-01 are
2 budget priority recommendations.

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4 Mr. Puglisi noted that he had submitted comments regarding Draft
5 Recommendation 2014-01.

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7 Mr. Valdez asked Mr. Puglisi to walk the board through his proposed changes,
8 additionally, noting that Mr. Puglisi's comments had been included in the meeting
9 packets.

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11 The board discussed the changes to the recommendation that were proposed by
12 Mr. Puglisi, after discussion the members accepted the following changes to the draft
13 recommendation.

- 14 1. On line 13 strike "if sufficient budget was appropriated."
- 15 2. On line 15 replace "several" with over 90.
- 16 3. On line 26 strike "thereby, reestablishing mandatory deadlines and still
17 maintaining safety and compliance."
- 18 4. On line 53 add "surface water."
- 19 5. On line 61 move item number 7 to item number 1, and shift numerical
20 numbering accordingly.
- 21 6. On line 64-72 remove the language for proposed item number 8. Item
22 number 8 will be addressed as a separate recommendation at a later date.

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24 Mr. Valdez asked for a motion on Draft Recommendation 2014-01.

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26 Mr. Sayre made a motion to approve draft recommendation 2014-01 with the
27 proposed changes; Mr. Schmelling seconded the motion. The members voted all in favor
28 of approving Draft Recommendation 2014-01 as amended.

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30 **VI. Presentation on Proposed Campaign Process**

31 **a. Presentation**

32 Mr. Pete Maggiore (DOE) and Mr. Jeff Mousseau (LANL) gave a presentation to the
33 NNMCAB on "Proposed Process: NNMCAB Input on Campaigns." An electronic copy of
34 the presentation may be obtained from the NNMCAB website at URL
35 (<http://www.nnmcab.energy.gov/7-presentations/presentations.htm>); video of the
36 presentation is available on the NNMCABs YouTube Channel "NNMCAB."

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38 **b. Questions**

39 Mr. Villarreal asked about where information on addition of reducing agents would
40 fall on the chromium campaign poster.

1 Mr. Mousseau responded that information of that type would be under the solution
2 approach section.

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4 Mr. Sayre asked if the 33 shafts would be under a separate campaign.

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6 Mr. Mousseau responded that since a NEPA is being conducted on the 33 Shafts
7 they are being kept separate from all the other retrieval work.

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9 Mr. Puglisi asked how the campaigns tie into the Consent Order (CO).

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11 Mr. Mousseau stated that he felt the campaigns would be the meat of any
12 renegotiated CO. Additionally, noting that a cross walk of the campaigns to the CO could
13 be provided.

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15 Mr. Schmelling asked if the posters would contain cost information.

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17 Mr. Mousseau noted that as much cost information as possible would be included.

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19 Mr. Schmelling asked if all 17 campaigns are completed, what would be left for LANL
20 to complete in the CO.

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22 Mr. Mousseau responded that if all 17 campaigns are completed the CO would be
23 done.

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25 Mr. Schmelling asked what the time frame was for getting to the end point of the
26 campaign input process.

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28 Mr. Mousseau responded that he would like to have all the input by the end of June
29 2014.

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31 Mr. Villarreal asked if the NNMCAB could have a copy of all 17 campaigns in a
32 smaller format.

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34 Mr. Mousseau responded that the intent is to have a brochure that has all of the
35 campaigns in it to the NNMCAB by mid May 2014.

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37 **VII. Update Date from DDFO**

38 Mr. Bishop stated that at the May Board Meeting Ms. Quintana and Ms. Tse-Pe would
39 update the board on the Environmental Justice Conference that they attended in March.
40 Mr. Bishop noted that the Fall Chairs meeting would be the week of April 21, 2014, and that
41 an update on that meeting would be provided at the May meeting.

1 Mr. Bishop advised the members that the official WIPP press releases would continue to
2 be sent out to the board. Additionally, he noted that a representative from WIPP would
3 possibly be present at the May meeting.

4 Mr. Bishop stated that the 3706 Campaign is still going full speed, noting that LANL was
5 going to begin shipping waste to Waste Control Specialists for interim storage. He noted
6 that 5 shipments went out the week of March 31st and 10 were planned for the week of
7 April 7th. Mr. Bishop stated that the 3706 Campaign is on track to be completed in June.
8 Additionally, noting that the repackaging of the waste and the reclassification of the
9 decontaminated waste has also been completed.

10 Mr. Bishop advised the members that the Executive Committee had voted to cancel the
11 May 14th 2014 CC meeting due to member travel and the proximity to the May board
12 meeting.

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14 Mr. Mousseau stated that the final corrugate metal box shipment had been shipped to
15 Idaho. Additionally, he noted that the physical characterization has been completed, and the
16 data validation on the final waste containers is in progress.

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18 **VIII. Public Comment Period**

19 Mr. Valdez opened the public comment at 3:47 p.m.

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21 Mr. Bob Gilkeson, a registered geologist with the environmental group Honoring our
22 Pueblo Existence, submitted information to the NNM CAB board regarding well drilling and
23 ground water sampling. Mr. Gilkeson reviewed the sections he had highlighted in the
24 written letters and reports that he had provided to the board. Mr. Gilkeson asked that the
25 NNM CAB recommend to DOE that push pull tests be performed to confirm the validity of
26 groundwater samples at monitoring wells.

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28 Mr. Scott Kovac of Nuclear Watch New Mexico thanked the board for the opportunity to
29 address the members. He stated that he is a very big fan of the 2005 CO, noting that he does
30 not see what is gained by the new campaign initiative. Mr. Kovac stated that the revised life
31 cycle number that Mr. Mousseau had mentioned just came out in volume 5 of the FY'15
32 budget, noting that the number currently sits at \$3.1 billion. Mr. Kovac noted that the
33 number is based on certain assumptions and we need to know what those assumptions are.

34 Mr. Kovac noted that for the proposed 17 campaigns, the members of the NNM CAB are
35 expected to learn all about the clean-up that needs to be done at LANL in 2 months. He
36 stated that is a huge job, and to expect members of the public that likely have other jobs is
37 hard. Additionally, he asked how we prioritize something when we don't have the
38 investigation reports completed; how do you compare a site where you know nothing to a
39 site where you have a report.

40 Mr. Kovac asked "what obligation LANL/DOE has to do what the NNM CAB
41 recommends." He noted that other groups are going to be giving input in regards to the

1 campaigns. Mr. Kovac noted that the 2005 CO has already been through this and we need to
2 know what enforcement will be included in any revisions to the 2005 CO.
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4 Ms. Kathy Sanchez with TEWA United stated that TEWA United has been working on a
5 campaign to increase knowledge of RICA. Ms. Sanchez wanted to let everyone know that
6 there are congressional efforts to get victims of radiation exposure compensated. Ms.
7 Sanchez asked the NNM CAB: to be aware, be supportive, and get the word out to the public.
8 Additionally, she noted that TEWA United would be happy to discuss the topic further at a
9 later time.
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11 Mr. Loya noted that he wanted to address the comments by Mr. Gilkeson. Mr. Loya
12 noted that the NNM CAB had worked on the bentonite mud rotary drilling issue, stating that
13 the NNM CAB had worked with LANL to go to casing advanced drilling. Mr. Loya also noted
14 that one of the last funding requests that Senator Pete Domenici had worked on was to get
15 the \$26 million dollars to go to casing advanced drilling. He noted that the NNM CAB had
16 worked to go to casing advanced so we would have this technical bout about the sampling
17 system.
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19 With no additional comments, Mr. Valdez closed the public comment period at 4:05
20 p.m.

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22 IX. Adjournment

23 Mr. Valdez noted this was Mr. Loya's last meeting and thanked him for his service. Mr.
24 Valdez stated that the next NNM CAB meeting would be May 21, 2014 at the Cities of Gold
25 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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27 With no additional business to discuss Mr. Bishop adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

28 **Respectfully Submitted,**



29 **Carlos Valdez, Chair, NNM CAB**

30 ***Minutes prepared by William Alexander, Technical Programs and Outreach, NNM CAB**

31 **Attachments:**

- 32 1. Final NNM CAB Meeting Agenda for 04/09/2014
- 33 2. Final NNM CAB Meeting Minutes for 03/12/2014
- 34 3. Draft Recommendation 2014-01 & Markups
- 35 4. Presentation by Pete Maggiore, DOE and Jeff Mousseau, LANL, "Proposed Process: NNM CAB
- 36 Input on Campaigns"
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1 **5. Final NNM CAB Presentation Schedule for Fiscal Year 2014**

2 **6. Public Comments Submitted by Bob Gilkeson**

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7 ***Reference documents listed in the Attachments section of these minutes may be requested for**
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