

CHAIRS ROUND ROBIN

Fall 2021





NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD ROUND ROBIN

- **Board Interests/Concerns:**

- Deterioration of community roadways (town, city, county, and federal highways) from the transportation of radioactive waste to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), including resulting safety hazards
- The potential effects of extreme weather events on regulatory closure approaches for corrective action sites on/around the NNSS
- Balancing environmental cleanup efforts with historic preservation efforts

- **Board Accomplishment:**

- Hybrid-format meeting room enhances the ability of the NSSAB to interact with the EM Nevada Program both in-person and virtually





NORTHERN NEW MEXICO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- Maintained quorum and held all full Board, Executive, and standing committee meetings – by phone bridge, WebEx, and recently hybrid
- Prepared, reviewed, and submitted two 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

Challenges

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



OAK RIDGE SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Activities / Accomplishments

- Submitted FY22 membership package
- Planning for major groundwater decision/recommendation for East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP)
- Submitted budget recommendations
- Continued discussion of needed on-site waste disposal capacity

Challenges

- Recruiting new members and meeting diversity targets during COVID
- Delays in membership approval/renewal process led to decision to pause meetings (due to few members)
- Inability to tour sites, virtual tours limited in comparison



HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD

Successes:

Tank and Pipeline Integrity Program Letter of Appreciation, June 14, 2021

Public Involvement in Vision and Guiding Documents (HAB Consensus Advice #310), June 14, 2021

Priorities 2021 and Beyond:

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

Leaking tanks- 53 M gallons of radioactive/chemical waste

HLW (High Level Waste) processing delayed until 2030s

Interpretation of HLW designation:

Potential for additional waste disposed at Hanford? Emerging/evolving programmatic and political climate. More information is needed by board members.

Transparency:

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

New HAB members are proposed by DOE to increase diversity and under-represented

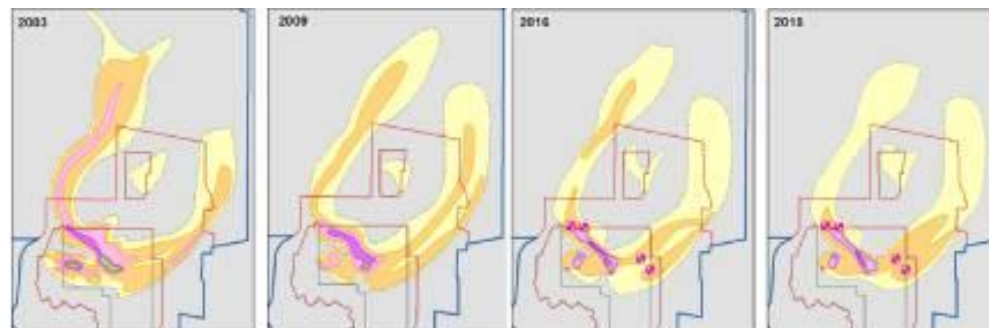


PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

-PGDP Virtual Museum has launched
<http://pgdpvirtualmuseum.org/index.html>



-Groundwater Success Story





PORTSMOUTH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- DOE should actively communicate the PORTS site successes associated with active demolition, plume excavation and property transfer
- Local citizens will see the benefit of their participation in the cleanup program
- Site workers are looking for community recognition for the hard work and contributions they make to the cleanup program
- SSAB members believe the site and the community would benefit from telling the story of successful cleanup at the Ports site



SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

- Stakeholder Awareness Survey
 - In November 2019 the SRS CAB approved recommendation #367; the recommendation asked DOE to fund a survey to establish what the community knows about the site and how best to communicate with stakeholders.
 - DOE funded the survey and the results have recently been published.
- Tie Break for Elections
 - With only 6 members we realized ties in elections were a problem. We had to update our Operating Procedures to put a tie breaking process in place



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