

Final Meeting Summary

Kentucky Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board

Meeting Date: February 23, 2004, 1-5 p.m.

Overview

The following serves as a summary of the second meeting of the Kentucky Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB). This summary is intended to be a brief review of the key issues and decisions discussed at the meeting. Formal presentations and documents reviewed during the meeting are available upon request by contacting Mickey Morales at 859-625-1291.

The CDCAB members introduced themselves, followed by various agency representatives, members of the public and media. A special welcome was extended to the Rev. Robert Blythe, Richmond City Councilman, who is the newest member of the CDCAB.

The meeting facilitator, Doug Thompson, introduced himself, giving a brief description of his background and explained the unexpected absence of Kristi Parker Celico due to illness. She had intended to co-facilitate the session.

The facilitator reviewed the status of six action items from the October 2003 meeting.

The facilitator walked CDCAB members through the information packets (both those mailed in advance and those distributed at the meeting).

Key Updates/Activities

CDCAB Co-chairs Kent Clark and Craig Williams began the meeting by welcoming the group and reviewing the agenda for the day.

Colonel Martin Jacoby, commander of Blue Grass Army Depot, also welcomed the group and emphasized his commitment to working closely with the CDCAB.

Presentations and updates were provided by Jim Fritsche, Executive Assistant, Office of the Commander, Blue Grass Chemical Activity; Bill Pehlivanian, Deputy Program Manager, Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives; Chris Midgett, Project Manager, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass; and Ralph Collins, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection.

Mission Statement and Governing Procedures

The facilitator summarized the evolution of the draft document now before the CDCAB. The CDCAB generally endorsed the current version provided certain minor revisions were considered, such as:

- Status of Berea Hospital representative
- Use of term "Madison County Fiscal Court" rather than Madison County Council
- Be more complete/precise with respect to CDCAB funding issue
- Spell out acronyms

The CDCAB provisionally approved the document with the expectation that a proposed final version with changes noted, would be circulated for review.

Concept of Using Recycled Johnston Atoll (JACADS) Filter Housing Units at Blue Grass Facility

Jim Richmond, Blue Grass Team Lead from ACWA, presented the background of the issue and indicated ACWA's interest in receiving feedback from the CDCAB. The CDCAB engaged in a discussion that covered specific questions related to reuse of JACADS filter housing units and the broader issue of how the group should arrive at a decision.

After a discussion that touched on issues related to certainty of decontamination, multiple tests of the filter housing units, cost savings, and implications for future design, the CDCAB had no objections to ACWA pursuing the reuse of the JACADS filter housing units for the Blue Grass facility.

CDCAB Strategic Approach and Issue Identification

The facilitator framed the discussion as one where the CDCAB could consider how it could most effectively and efficiently deliberate and attempt consensus on tangible questions likely to come before it.

- The CDCAB noted several types of issues, which would be important in future deliberations. These would include budgets/funding, employment, schedule, effect on community and environmental impact. Some specific criteria which may be relevant as specific matters are considered include:
 - Health and safety issues
 - Effects on timing
 - Effects on cost
 - Effects on design
 - Urgency vs. importance of an issue
 - Need for broader input vs. CDCAB sufficiently representative to decide
- The group reached general agreement that meetings should take place three or four times a year.
- The group generally agreed that a committee structure may make sense and would be where much of the “real work” gets done.
- Due to time constraints, the discussion of issue identification was abbreviated and the group agreed to resume consideration of this matter at a future meeting.

Selection of CDCAB Facilitator

The facilitator explained the background of the issue and described the thought process of the committee, which had been convened to examine various meeting facilitation options. The outcome of that process was that the committee recommended that facilitation continue to be provided under the auspices of The Keystone Center for the time being. The committee then polled CDCAB group at large; it generally agreed with this view although some sentiment existed that there would be some benefit to using a local facilitator.

The co-chairs then led a brief discussion of the issue. The CDCAB acknowledged certain advantages to relying upon local facilitation, for example, ease of contact, but affirmed its collective view to proceed for the present with facilitation services provided by the Keystone Center.

The facilitator assured the CDCAB that it is always free to revisit both the threshold question of whether to engage neutral assistance and, if so, from where that service would be provided.

Lightening Round on Public Participation and Involvement

Due to time constraints, the discussion on this topic was abbreviated with an expectation that it might be an issue for a future meeting agenda. Some thoughts raised were:

- Important, literally and figuratively, to “meet people where they are” and not to assume that all people feel comfortable going to a Department of Defense or Bechtel Parsons office.
- Discussion about public notice for the February 23 meeting with some question about whether there had been adequate public notice for the meeting. Several others felt that the topic of meeting notice and subsequent public participation might not be ready for discussion at this point.
- Questions were raised with respect to anticipated growth in the county and what, if any, demographic changes might result from influx of workers.

Public Comment

One member of the public felt that the JACADS discussion was exactly the sort of thing the CDCAB should be considering (the comment was made partly in response to a co-chair's observation that ACWA might not need to bring every issue before the CDCAB).

Another member of the public commented on the importance of getting complete and accurate press coverage of what transpires at the meetings.

Attendance

CDCAB members in attendance included: Dr. Robert Bagby, Robert Blythe, Dr. Byron Bond, LTC Dennis Cantwell, Mike Caudill, Judge Executive Kent Clark, Ralph Collins, Gary Conkin, Jill Cornelison, Denisa Davidson, representing Malcolm Franklin, Kim Irwin, Jeanne Hibberd, Dr. Doug Hindman, Dee Hudson, Col. Martin Jacoby, Diane Kerby, Dr. Robert Miller, Bill Pehlivanian, Rob Rumpke, Craig Williams, Councilman George Wyatt. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting, including CDCAB members, program staff, two reporters, and the general public.

CDCAB members absent include: Malcolm Franklin, Mike Brewer, Rep. Harry Moberly, Jr., Sen. Ed Worley, and Berea Hospital representative (not yet identified).

Action Items Resulting from the Meeting

Topic	Action Required	Due Date	Responsible Person/Entity
Media release for upcoming CDCAB meeting	Run ad in local newspapers one week prior to meeting; notify Richmond Register and Berea Citizen to include in Community Calendar	One week prior to each CDCAB meeting	Mickey Morales

Blue Grass information resources fact sheet	Update the public involvement fact sheet to include contact names for the CAC and the CDCAB and distinguish between the two.	In process	Mickey Morales
Committees or working groups	Establish committees or working groups for the following areas of interest: Safety, Oversight Council for County, Sustainable Economy, others as needed.	TBD	Judge Clark, Craig Williams, Co-Chairs of CDCAB
Proposed final mission statement and governing procedures	Make changes requested by CDCAB members and distribute for review.	Complete within one month of Feb. 23 meeting.	The Keystone Center
Date for next meeting	Provide several dates for next meeting (May or June timeframe) to CDCAB members for selection of meeting date.	Send out with draft meeting notes (end of March time frame).	The Keystone Center

