

Final Meeting Summary
Kentucky Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board
Meeting Date: October 22, 2003, 1-4 p.m.

Overview

The following serves as a summary of the first 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.

Key agenda items:

1. Overview of Blue Grass Army Depot Role (Presentation A)
2. Overview of Blue Grass Chemical Activity Role (Presentation B)
3. Overview of Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program (Presentation C)
4. Overview of the Destruction Facility (Presentation D)
5. Roles and Responsibilities of Other Program Partners (Presentation E)
6. Discussion Regarding CDCAB Mission and Role (Document F)
7. Action Items:
 - a. Resolution from Madison County (Document G)
 - b. Request for Chamber of Commerce Visit to Pueblo (Document H)
 - c. Additional CDCAB members
8. Facilitator Presentations
9. Public Comment Period

Attendance

CDCAB members in attendance included: Bob Bagby, David Bohannon, Byron Bond, Mike Brewer, Dennis Cantwell, Mike Caudill, Kent Clark, Ralph Collins, Gary Conkin, Jill Cornelison, Shawn Dyer, Kim Irwin, Jeanne Hibberd, Doug Hindman, Dee Hudson, Martin Jacoby, Diane Kerby, Bob Miller, Bill Pehlivanian, Steve Popyach, Rob Rumpke, Craig Williams, George Wyatt. Approximately 55 people attended the meeting, including CDCAB members, program staff, reporters, and the general public.

CDCAB members absent include: Malcolm Franklin, Harry Moberly, Jr., Berea Hospital Representative (not yet identified).

Action Items Resulting from the Meeting

Responsible Person/Entity	Topic	Action Required	Due Date
All CDCAB Members	CDCAB Mission Statement and Ground Rules	Review document and submit comments to kparker@keystone.org .	11/14/03
All CDCAB Members	Madison County Resolution Establishing the CDCAB	Review document and submit comments to kparker@keystone.org .	11/14/03

Responsible Person/Entity	Topic	Action Required	Due Date
All CDCAB Members	Working Group	Inform Kristi if you want to serve on the working group to hire a facilitator and define job descriptions.	11/14/03
All CDCAB Members	CDCAB Diversity	Inform Kristi of possible community members who would add racial and gender diversity to the CDCAB	11/14/03
All CDCAB Members	Meeting Summary	Review this summary and inform Kristi of any recommended corrections.	11/14/03
All CDCAB Members	Calendar	Fill out calendar for scheduling the next meeting.	11/14/03
All CDCAB Members	Bios	Send in a short bio of one-half page or less for distribution to the full CDCAB. Please send to kparker@keystone.org .	11/14/03
Kristi Parker Celico	Senator Ed Worley	Contact Senator Worley regarding the CDCAB's desire for him to serve as a Board members	11/14/03
Kristi Parker Celico	Topics for next meeting	--Approaches for further educating the CDCAB— appropriate trips or speakers --adding additional members to the group to increase diversity.	January 2004

Summary of Discussions

The following summarizes the key questions asked at the meeting and general responses.

1. Overview of Blue Grass Army Depot

- What is the new construction project near the Depot? A commercial explosive hanger is being built for conventional weapons. It was noted that the project is not related to the demilitarization effort and that Colonel Jacoby is not responsible or involved in the effort.

2. Overview of Blue Grass Chemical Activity

- No comments.

3. Overview of ACWA

- What is the difference between the Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) and the CDCAB? The CAC is mandated by law for each of the chemical stockpile sites. It is chartered to represent the local community through representatives appointed by the Governor. The CDCAB was formed in response to the Program Manager for ACWA's request on how the Blue Grass community would like to interact with the ACWA Program. It was organized by members of the community with assistance from ACWA and will serve as the focal point for communications between the community and ACWA.

4. Overview of the Destruction Facility

- What is the history of being able to access the gelled agent? The mechanism for the formation of GB gels is not fully understood but there has been some research initiated on this issue. It is anticipated that some GB gels will be encountered during the GB rockets destruction campaign but the rocket wash system is being designed to mitigate this situation.
- You keep using the word "demonstrated." How much of this is new? Chopping of the rockets is a process that has been demonstrated in baseline incineration. The washout process is a new adaptation to rocket processing that has been demonstrated using prototype equipment and simulated agent gels.
- What do you mean by the word "risk?" Are you talking about a risk to the community or something else? Risk in this case refers to performance risks, meeting cost, schedule, and budget.
- What will happen with the PCBs and fiberglass? The fiberglass will come out of the hydrolizers as PCB contaminated solids. These solids will be shipped outside the community to an approved hazardous waste landfill.
- Do we have enough water? Yes. This is not an issue for this area and even if it was, we plan to recycle the water the facility uses.
- What is the destiny of the wash water and caustic? This is combined in the neutralization process and used in the neutralization reactors to destroy the agent.
- Will it (wash water and caustic) be shipped to the same place as the Newport facility? No, the water is recycled after treatment with the Supercritical Water Oxidation step and the caustic is neutralized.
- Have there been any arrangements made for wastes to go off-site? Munition bodies will go off-site. They could go to Rock Island or another commercial vendor if they are not considered hazardous waste. Some discussion ensued regarding the fact that it would be hazardous waste.
- "Pilot Plant" sounds as if our method is untested. What is a definition of a pilot plant? We are doing something that has never been done. The individual processes have been proven and demonstrated with agents and energetics at large scale. Bechtel has to integrate these processes, construct the facility, and systemize all of the units in one process. This has not been done before. We need to design the complete process to destroy each type of weapon stored at Blue Grass.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of Other Program Partners

No questions.

6. General Discussion of CDCAB Mission and Role

The round robin on what each member would like to see on this board included several themes:

- **Lessons Learned:** The Board needs to ensure issues and problems resulting in delays at other sites do not affect Kentucky. This includes working together with all partners affected by chemical demilitarization and bringing all issues to the table.
- **Two-way Communication:** The Board should function using the “no surprises” rule. Many want to ensure that both the community and the ACWA team (including its contractors) communicate issues as they occur and that everyone works as a team, not individuals. The Board should stay ahead of potential problems and issues. Members and the public attending meetings must be open and vocal with their concerns and opinions. Information should be presented to the Board in a way that is easy to understand – devoid of acronyms and semantics. Board members should be honest and always represent the broader community.
- **Outreach:** The Board should be a steward of the community and ensure that issues are communicated in a timely manner with the larger community. The Board should help the ACWA team answer questions and clarify issues that may come up with their neighbors, friends and those who cannot attend the meetings. The Board is the best chance to build consensus. The Board should be proactive in ensuring the community understands issues and who to contact with questions.
- **Model Site/Functioning Body:** The Board may serve as a public involvement model for other sites. The Board should be efficient and members should participate regularly, while providing consistent feedback to affect program decisions.
- **Economic Opportunities that Sustain the Environment and Our Public Health:** The Board should maximize economic opportunities that protect the public health and environment of our community. Sustaining the economy and developing entrepreneurial opportunities, jobs and workforce training is essential. The Board should anticipate the needs of the community regarding growth – schools, water, sewage, etc.
- **Chemical Demilitarization Related Issues:** The Board should impact other ongoing initiatives regarding chemical weapons, such as developing and approving a community-wide emergency plan. The Board can review this kind of information and facilitate the approval to help the project stay on schedule and help other organizations understand the community’s issues.

7. Items Requiring Actions of the Board

- **CDCAB Resolution**—Judge Clark’s office drafted a resolution to formalize the role of the Board. The Madison County Council has approved this resolution, but amendments can be made if requested by the CDCAB.
- **Pueblo Trip**—The Richmond Chamber of Commerce formally requested that ACWA consider sponsoring CDCAB and Chamber members to visit other facilities as a means to help educate the Blue Grass community on approaches to ensure this facility has a healthy impact. ACWA noted that these types of requests typically will be channeled through the CDCAB and that limited funds are available for such efforts. It was agreed that the CDCAB would consider various education approaches at their next meeting. Some suggested that Pine Bluff would be a better facility to visit as it has an enduring mission and similar issues as the Blue Grass facility.
- **Additional CDCAB Members**—The CDCAB discussed the pros and cons of adding other members. There was some concern expressed regarding the size of the group already and desire to ensure it is highly functional. Others expressed concern about the lack of racial and gender diversity on the Board. It was noted that members were selected to serve on the Board by their organizations in most cases. The CDCAB agreed to add a seat for a State Senator to serve and to request that Senator Ed Worley fill this

seat. The CDCAB agreed to have the facilitator provide potential names for the group to consider at the next meeting to enhance the racial diversity of the group.

8. Facilitator Presentations

The Board discussed approaches for how it might staff itself. Three possible positions were noted: chairs/co-chairs, a facilitator, and a liaison, which is required by State law. Based on the request of the Planning Committee, the current facilitator identified three possible future facilitators for the group. At the first CDCAB meeting, these candidates (Steve Kay, Jerry Lawson, and Rob Rumpke) provided short presentations regarding their approaches to facilitation. Noting that this issue is of great interest to some and of no interest to others, the CDCAB agreed to form a working group to address this issue. The working group will draft job descriptions for the full CDCAB to consider at the next meeting and will interview and formally select a facilitator prior to the next meeting.

10. Public Comment

A member of the public requested that the CDCAB help ensure that design and testing information is made available to the public, particularly given that this is a pilot plant. He noted that the community has legitimate questions and deserves straightforward answers.