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Apprvl.: *Felix R. Miera* Date: *10/26/99*
for George H. Sanders, Administrator
Tri-Party Agreement
U.S. Department of Energy

Apprvl.: *Mary Lou Blazek* Date: *10/26/99*
Mary Lou Blazek, Administrator
Nuclear Safety Division
Oregon Office of Energy

Attendees:

M. Blazek	OOE
F. Miera	DOE-RL
R. Morrison	FDH
K. Niles	OOE
K. Randolph	DOE-RL
G. Sanders	DOE-RL

AGENDA

DOE/OREGON BI-MONTHLY FORUM

June 15, 1999, Salem, OR.

1. Introduction – Karen Randolph
2. DOE Headquarters - Ray Greenberg (by phone)
3. Hanford Site Contractor Executive Visit to Oregon Office of Energy – Mary Lou Blazek
4. Oregon Grant for FY 2000/2001 – Felix Miera
5. Definition of HLW (DOE Order 435.1) USDOE-RL's Position – George Sanders
6. Status of Sec. Richardson's Summit and Lack of Oregon Involvement at the Chicago Meeting in May – Mary Lou Blazek
7. FFTF Announcement/NERAC Meeting – Mary Lou Blazek
8. Meeting Notifications
9. USDOE Needs for Copies of the Oregon 10 Year Report
10. Future for Openness Workshops
11. Tri-Party Agreement Status Report – George Sanders
12. TPA Ten Year Ceremony – Karen Randolph
13. Action Items – Ron Morrison
14. Wrap-up & Next Meeting Date

MEETING MINUTES, June 15, 1999 (Salem, Oregon)

3. Hanford Site Contractor Executive Visit to Oregon Office of Energy.

M. Blazek discussed the visit to the State of Oregon by Mike Lawrence, Sheila Little, Steve Liedle and others. In spite of some confusion in setting it up this meeting proved to be productive with many questions being answered. It was further suggested that this would be a positive activity on an annual or biannual basis.

F. Miera added that feedback from the contractors was also positive and that they agreed that it would be good to continue holding these meetings.

M. Blazek stated that Keith Klein attending future meetings would be very valuable.

K. Randolph stated that Keith Klein's attendance could work out and would be important.

R. Greenberg pointed out that there is a workshop in July (location to be determined) in which we could get some clarification of our roles. Mark Fry and Ralph Lightener will be attending.

4. Oregon Grant for FY 2000/2001

R. Greenberg stated that right now the DOE is performing internal reviews and we hope to know more by the end of the week.

5. Definition of HLW (DOE Order 435.1) USDOE-RL's Position

G. Sanders stated that someone from J. Augustenborg's office of waste management will be needed to fully explain the changes in the definition of incidental waste and low level waste which in turn impacts what waste is disposed on site.

6. Status of Sec. Richardson's Summit and Lack of Oregon Involvement at the Chicago Meeting in May

R. Greenberg stated that it is uncertain whether there will be a summit meeting. M. Blazek responded that the Chicago meeting was to be a planning session for the summit.

Action: R. Greenberg to check on status of summit meeting and provide a response to letter from Governor Kitzhaber expressing interest in attending a summit meeting.

7. FFTF Announcement/NERAC Meeting

K. Randolph stated that the report on possible future uses is due out on August 2, 1999 and will be discussed at the NERAC meeting.

M. Blazek asked if the plan is to go to the NERAC for a final recommendation.

K. Randolph responded that at this point the NERAC members have requested more information.

M. Blazek stated that the next NERAC meeting is July 29/30, 1999 and she has been invited to attend.

8. Meeting Notifications

M. Blazek stated that the State of Oregon was not invited to the April 28, 1999 National Academy of Scientist's meeting in Richland.

K. Randolph responded that the DOE-RL was not aware of this meeting either.

M. Blazek then pointed out that the May 17 through 20, 1999 Mid Year Review notification was not adequate and the June 15, 1999 Fissile Material Meeting was also an example of insufficient notification having received the announcement on June 7, 1999.

K. Randolph responded that Gail McClure should be contacted for coordination of public involvement activities.

9. USDOE Needs for Copies of the Oregon 10 Year Report

M. Blazek stated that her office is moving ahead with the report but, have not decided how many copies of the report will be printed. How many copies does the DOE need?

K. Randolph responded that perhaps 5 copies would be sufficient.

Action: The Oregon 10 Year Report will be added to the agenda for the next Forum meeting.

Action: The DOE agreed to add a link from the Tri-Party Agreement Internet Homepage to the Oregon Office of Energy Homepage.

10. Future for Openness Workshops

M. Blazek stated that the last Openness Workshop was held in September and that the future of the group and its activities is a big question right now.

12. TPA Ten Year Ceremony

K. Randolph announced that the DOE would be doing an employee recognition event on June 22, 1999 in acknowledgement of the ten year anniversary of the signing of the Tri-Party Agreement. The event will include:

- A tour of the Hanford Site by Keith Klein speaking to employee gatherings,
- A special edition of the site newspaper, the Reach,

- Production and airing of a 30 minute video on the Tri-Party Agreement
- Running of articles in the local newspaper,
- A town hall meeting on June 29, 1999 in the PNNL Auditorium

Tri-Party Agreement attendees are to include Mike Lawrence, John Wagoner, Dick French, Keith Klein, Dan Silver and Chuck Clarke. A panel of questioners is being developed with a proper mix of interested people, possibly to include Wanda Briggs, the Mayors of the local cities and the Dean of Washington State University. Other dignitaries and community people will also be invited. Ian Lamont has been chosen to M.C. the meeting.

M. Blazek stated that it would be good to involve someone from the State of Oregon as well.

Action: F. Miera to provided copy of Tri-Party Agreement video to M. Blazek.

13. Action Items.

Action item recap from this Forum:

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Action item status, from prior Forums, was discussed and is reflected in Attachment 1 "State of Oregon/U.S. Department of Energy Open Action Items".

14. Next Oregon/DOE Forum Meeting.

It was tentatively agreed that the next Forum would take place on August 25, 1999 in Richland, Washington at 9:00am.

The Forum Was Adjourned.

Attachment 1

State of Oregon/ U.S. Department of Energy Open Action Items. June 15, 1999

Action: A public involvement plan (for the Groundwater Vadose Zone Integration Project) was discussed with a copy to be provided by N. Myers to M. Blazek

Status: OPEN

Action: M. Blazek requested the names of Oregon recipients of the HRA/EIS and copies of comment sheets.

Status: OPEN

Action: E. Williams responded that Tom Fern may be able to attend (a public interest group meeting on May 6, 1999 in Portland) but, will have to check and coordinate with M. Blazek.

Status: COMPLETE

Action: Provide copy of the 1999 Land Disposal Restrictions Report to M. Blazek.

Status: COMPLETE

Action: State of Oregon letter to DOE Headquarters and past DOE/Oregon Forum minutes related to the G. Pondonski visit to be forwarded to R. Greenberg.

Status: COMPLETE