

Connecticut Yankee (CY) Fuel Storage Advisory Committee Meeting (FSAC)

Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Haddam, CT

Draft (6-11-14) Meeting Summary

Attendees

FSAC Members: Melissa Schlag (Chair), Raul de Brigard (Secretary), Brantley Buerger(CY), Dan Casey (Haddam Neck), Harvey Clew (Haddam), Vic Fetter (Chester), Ayanti Grant (Congressman Joe Courtney's Office), Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton), Ed Schwing (substitute for CAN member and editor of the Haddam Bulletin), Harvey Thomas (East Haddam), and Mark Walter (East Haddam).

Connecticut Nuclear Energy Advisory Council (NEAC): Marge Debold, James Sherrard

State of Connecticut: Mike Firsick (DEEP Liaison), Craig Bobrowiecki (DEEP)

Public: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Aronow, Jim McHutchison (CYCP), plus those on attached sign in sheet and others who did not sign in (about a dozen in all)

Yankee: Bob Capstick, Shae Hemingway, Jim Lenois, Gene Shephard (AMEC) and John Arnold (note taker)

Summary (Agenda Attached)

Raul, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed all attendees and requested that everyone introduce themselves.

Election of Chair

Raul asked for nominations for a new FSAC Chair. Dan Casey nominated Melissa Schlag and Harvey Thomas seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed by consent of the members and Melissa took over the rest of the meeting as Chair.

CY ISFSI Site Status Report Update

Melissa requested that since most of the public attendees were interested in the status of the boom that had been installed in the CY discharge canal, that the agenda be changed so that the public comment and question session would immediately follow Brantley's presentation. There was agreement and Brantley then provided his Status Report updating the FSAC on ISFSI operations; completion of the Groundwater Monitoring Program; the recent NRC Site Inspection; Cask Relicensing Status; and the Site Security Enhancements. He spoke from the attached meeting handouts, "ISFSI Update" and "Questions Regarding CY Canal Boom Reinstallation."

Public Questions and Statements

Members of the public asked many questions and made numerous statements regarding the location and visibility aspects of the boom installation that closed off boat access to the discharge canal. A majority of the members of the public attending resided across the river from CY and expressed strong opposition to the canal boom reinstallation. Many of their comments are summarized in the attached "Concern Citizens Protest the Closure of the Canal at CY" document that was handed out.

The following summarize many of the points and concerns raised during the public comment session.

The major concern raised about the boom was its ugly appearance and it was requested that the boom be removed or at least relocated out of site from the river.

There was also a request that CY allow access to the canal for fishing for licensed fishermen.

Commenters raised the point that CY did not seek public input prior to the boom installation and did not inform the FSAC in advance of the decision and installation. They felt that it was an arbitrary action on CY's part to cut off site access to those who have previously had site access.

Questions were also raised by a reporter from the Haddam Bulletin about the actual purpose of the boom and its regulatory basis; the basis and timing of the establishment of the 300 meter CY controlled area; and the process by which CY obtained the approvals and state permit to install the boom.

Some members of the public also stated that the boom was an ineffective barrier in keeping boaters and jet skis out and that it would certainly not keep terrorists out.

In response to these questions and concerns, the following points were provided by Brantley.

The over-arching bases for installing the boom were security and public and site personnel safety. There was an incident involving a boater with a gun at a nuclear facility in 2013 and recently contraband had been identified in boats in the canal.

A statement read from a representative of the CT State Police pointed out that CY efforts to improve security were in line with efforts to enhance security across the country.

A Haddam Neck resident pointed out that security is very important to local residents and he supports efforts by CY to continually monitor and improve security. Several FSAC members and other attendees spoke in support of the boom installation for security and site access control reasons.

Melissa stated that she would take the lead and work with CY to approach DEEP to see what any options there may be for mitigating the boom's visual impacts. She said that she had recently spoken with the DEEP Boating Division and was not optimistic there were any. She also proposed the formation of a FSAC Subcommittee to work with concerned members of the public on addressing the boom issue. Vic Fetter volunteered to serve on the proposed subcommittee.

National Nuclear Waste Issue Update

Bob Capstick provided the attendees with an update on nuclear waste issues from the national perspective. He spoke from the handout document entitled "Federal Nuclear Waste Management Program Update."

There was discussion regarding the national program situation and reprocessing and some questions regarding the return of DOE spent fuel litigation damages award proceeds to ratepayers. Raul requested that the FSAC be provided with any pertinent information that the NRC staff makes publically available regarding the ISFSI Security Rulemaking.

Ed raised the point that CY was inconsistent regarding security – going to extreme's relative to site access control and the boom reinstallation and opposing the NRC's rulemaking efforts to potentially increase security requirements at the site. Bob responded that CY was engaged with the NRC in the ISFSI Security rulemaking process and regulatory basis for it to ensure they understood the impacts to stand-alone ISFSI site security and associated emergency planning requirements.

Vic Fetter commented on the value of reprocessing spent nuclear fuel and Jim Sherrard pointed out that France was willing to reprocess all US nuclear waste.

Approval of the May 21, 2013 Meeting Summary – Approved as corrected

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting Date

The 2015 meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2015.

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Meeting Agenda

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Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station, Rt 82, 55 Bridge Rd.,
Haddam, CT

Agenda

6:00 Call FSAC Meeting to Order (by Secretary Raul de Brigard)

Election of new FSAC Chair

Approval of May 21, 2013 meeting summary

Status Report – Brantley Buerger

ISFSI Operations

Groundwater Monitoring Program

Security Enhancements

Federal Nuclear Waste Management Program Update – Bob Capstick

DOE Spent Fuel Lawsuit Status Update – Bob Capstick

Public Comment and Questions

Suggested 2015 Meeting date: May 19, 2015

8:00 Adjournment