

Meeting Minutes  
SLAPS  
May 27, 1995

Attendees:

Col. Griggs, STLAA

Anna Ginsburg, Mayor's Office

Jim Dwyer, Facilitator, DOE Task Force

Kay Drey, DOE Task Force

Bob Dopuch, STLAA

Jan Titus, STLAA

Terry Brennan, STLAA

The meeting began at 8:45 a.m. Jim Dwyer began the meeting with a short synopsis of what has been happening at the Task Force and the subcommittees of the Task Force concerning the SLAPS site. He stated that the first mention of the "remedial" work at the SLAPS site was at the April Task Force meeting. This Task Force meeting was conducted the day after a meeting at the Airport with Dave Adler of DOE, Airport representatives, Anna Ginsburg, Jim Dwyer and Jim Brown of Brown Associates. At this meeting, Dave Adler proposed a remedial action for the SLAPS site to respond to concerns of high gamma radiation counts documented by MO DNR and EPA. This action involved bringing 5,000 to 7,000 cubic yards of clean dirt to cover the exposed spots on the site and in the ditches. The Task Force referred approval of the action back to the Local Priorities Committee. The Local Priority Committee at first decided that the action was an administrative action but at a following meeting decided to request that DOE postpone action.

Subsequently, Jim Dwyer has conversations with DNR and EPA and they fundamentally didn't object to the action, but felt that it was not a highly compelling issue. Mr. Dwyer said that he asked Kay not to bring up the issue at the last Task Force meeting because he was trying to arrange a meeting with the City to discuss the concerns. This meeting didn't take place because of various scheduling problems.

Mr. Dwyer stated that a detailed description of the action was presented by Dave Adler at the April meeting at the Airport. Col. Griggs and Anna both stated that it was not detailed and was the same information that was presented to the Task Force. Kay stated that DOE was now proposing to add crushed stones and a shield to the area proposed to be covered. She also stated that St. Louis County Water was opposed to this action because it covered a twelve inch water main. Col. Griggs stated that he was not aware of their opposition but had previously received support from all utilities because DOE was finally maintaining the site.

Col. Griggs stated that his primary concern was to make sure that DOE remained committed to maintaining the SLAPS site. We can not put the City of St. Louis in a position of accepting total liability for this project. Anna Ginsburg said that she had concerns about the radiation being generated at the site and that she felt putting the dirt on 4% of the site was a temporary measure. Kay Drey stated that the contamination is as deep as 18 feet. She has wanted for a long time to have the site cleaned up. Her concern is if we spend money to stabilize the site, then DOE will not want to put more money to clean it up. She also felt that the site will be lower on the priority list if the DOE perception is that the site is stabilized. Kay thought putting the dirt on the site is a temporary solution and wanted a more permanent solution such as clean up. Both Anna Ginsburg and Col. Griggs felt that this remediation effort was a temporary solution and that it should be done but they did not want this project to impact the work of the Task Force.

The discussion then turned to funding. Anna stated that the mood in Washington these days is to turn more responsibility over to local and state governments. Col. Griggs stated that until we have developed a strategy on what we want to do, Congress can't be lobbied for dollars as Kay would like. Jim Dwyer stated that he felt that the Task Force was getting closer to speaking with one voice about what should happen. Col. Griggs stated that it was not prudent to do the remedial action if the action would set back the ultimate solution and not allow the Task Force to stay on course.

Jim Dwyer proposed developing a resolution for the Local Priorities committee stating that (1) it is acceptable for this project to be deferred and the funds reallocated, and (2) DOE must remain committed to the maintenance and monitoring of the SLAPS site.

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