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St, Louis Site Remediation Task Force

AGENDA

Meeting of June 13, 1995 Hazelwood Civic Center

1. Welcome, Opening Comments, Announcements

2. Minutes of the last meeting--corrections/approval

3. Public comment (10 minutes)

- 4. Working Groups progress reports: Alternative Sites working group Mallinckrodt Proposal working group Health Risk/Clean-up Standards working group Priorities working group
- 5. Technical Resource Presentation: National Center of Environmental Information & Technology (NCEIT)
- 6. Discussion of Mayor Farquharson/Nancy Lublewski suggestion to keep Congressmen/Public up to date and to encourage lobbying for the benefit of the St. Louis Site, and Kay Drey's suggestion to develop a working group to address this task
- 7. Status of MDNR request for alternative funding
- 8. DOE FY95 budget and program update--David Adler
- 9. Soll washing technology update
- 10. Identify work that needs to be done between now and the next meeting
- 11. Prepare agenda for next meeting (July 11, 1995)

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	Jim Dwyer distributed and discussed a revised estimated time line he and Chuck Jenkins pre- pared, which calls for presentation of Task Force recommendations to DOE in November.	Revised time line provided.
Mellinckrodt Proposal	Jim Grant reported for the Mallinckrodt Proposal Working Group and advised that demolition of Buildings 80, 81 and 82 is almost complete. FUSRAP plans to start its cleanup work in July and is expected to be finished by Fall.	FUSRAP will bag Mallinckrodt clea up by July.
Health Risk/ Cleanup Standards	There was no new report from this working group at this time.	
Priorities	Tom Manning reported on behalf of the Priorities Working Group. They have prepared a mission statement and coples of that and minutes of the last three meetings were provided at this meet- ing. They are developing a matrix to evaluate sites and set priorities.	Mission statemen and minutes of past three meet- ings of Priorities Working Group were provided.
	Mr. Manning expressed concern about short- term issues that arise, and which require immediate review and response. This distracts the Group from its primary task of developing overall priorities. Should a separate working group be formed to address immediate issues? Jim Dwyer mentioned the recent Clark Food Service property sale as an example of an issue which required immediate attention and response. Following discussion, Mt. Dwyer suggested walting until issues arise, and then determine if a separate group is needed. All agreed. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend that DOE begin characterization of the Clark Food site, as proposed in the April 26 meeting of the Priorities Working Group. David Adler stated that is a feasible proposal and that he will initiate the	Immediate priority issues will be handled Ad Hoc a they arise. The motion was made and accept ed to recommend that DOE begin characterization of the Clark Food site. David Adler
	process. Priority changes for FY95 projects are fairly restricted as the budget is already being applied to three major projects. Recommendations for FY96 priorities should be determined and com-	will proceed.

municated to Mr. Adler as early as possible so work can begin on access agreements, atc.

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Report on National Stakeholders" Conference

Jim Dwyer then presented an overview of the two-day National Stakeholder's conference held in Washington, DC, on May 2 and 3. DOE and related groups presented the challenges associated with Congressional budget proposals, and the implications for the FUSRAP program. Groups representing Missouri, New York and New Jersey FUSRAP sites made up about half the participants, with the remainder comprised of representatives of DOE, EPA, etc. Several charts provided at the conference which depicted the national scope of the program and the challenge of funding the cleanup were distributed to the Task Force.

Minutes

The working group meetings are open to anyone, and any perspective can be voiced. Mr. Dwyer encouraged the participants to read the minutes in order to keep up to date with the

activities of the group.

Mr. Dwyer indicated the overall challenge facing DOE is that there is not enough money to do what everyone wants, i.e. to pick up the waste and move it to Utah. Even the funding which is presently committed is under scrutiny. Emphasis was placed on the need to develop costeffective cleanup strategles on a national scale.

The afternoon of the first day was spent in workshops in which representatives of each site met to develop issues to bring back to the full conference. The second day the groups were mixed and looked at the issues developed by the various sites from a national perspective. They all then came together to develop principles and goals to apply on a national level.

David Adier emphasized that the amount of funding indicated in the charts assumes a local remedy, not transporting all of the waste to Utah. That alternative would require a much larger budget, and right now Congress is considering reductions in the DOE budget. Jim Dwyer

Determination

Report on two-day National Summit was given.

Overall challenge is funding.

Each State developed individual issues to compare to other States. Then common principles and goals were developed for a national viewpoint.

Budget is based on local remedy, not transporting all waste to Utah. Lobbying may be needed to keep current budget. JAN-23-'00 MON 00:37 ID:

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added that all concerned stakeholders will need to be ready to lobby to maintain adequate funding for the cleanup program.

Conn Roden added that Mr. Grumbly's goal for the Summit of enlisting support from the local communities for engoing funding of the FUSRAP program, and to solicit our participation in the search for a national solution, was well presented and clearly understood by all participants.

Mayor Farquharson pointed out that the New Jersey delegation had their Congressman with them et the Summit. He emphasized that we must bring our Congressmen up to date on our activities and get them working to protect our interests in DOE funding. He also stated there are 45 congressional districts across the nation that are affected and all of them should be enlisted in the effort to maintain funding. The Task Force was reminded by Col. Griggs that it is because of the efforts of our Congressmen that DOE became willing to reconsider its tentative plans to use SLAPS as a local disposal site.

Kay Drey agreed the conference promoted communication and was very Interesting. She observed that all groups wanted the same solutionto send the waste to Utah, but all seemed to realize that is unrealistic and that better alternatives must be identified.

Elsa Steward of MDNR was impressed with the commonality of the issues concerning all the sites: funding, cleanup criteria, cleanup prioritles, remedy selection and effectiveness, and community acceptance. She also noted the common understanding of the need for ongoing communication and cooperation among the task forces representing the various sites.

Jim Dwyer acknowledged the other St. Louis participants: Sally Price, Jean Montgomery, Rita Bleser, June Fowler, and Alan Wehmeyer (EPA). Determination

Congressional representatives from all affected districts must be updated and encouraged to act in our behalf.

Need for communication and cooperation of all site task forces was acknowledged. JAN-23-'00 MON 00:37 ID:

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Technical Resource Presentation: NCEIT

MDNR Alternative Funding Status

DOE FY95 Budget/ Program Update

Soll Washing

Work to be Done

Ending Comments, Adjournment Minutes

The presentation by the National Center of Environmental information & Technology (NCEIT) will be deferred until the June meeting.

Bob Geller Indicated that MDNR has finalized its request for funding from DOE.

The budget and program have been previously discussed during the Working Groups reports.

David Adler advised that an Interim report has been issued by the lab doing the bench testing. He said that a visit to the lab for representatives of the Task Force will be coordinated between David Miller and Jim Dwyer. He noted that some dirt from the Maywood, New Jersey site has been tested in the lab, and that plans are being implemented to bring a larger quantity to Oak Ridge, Tennessee for a field-level test. Indications have been favorable. A major issue for each site as to the possibility of using soil washing is the suitability of the soil to the technique, and that the technology, even if proven feasible and effective, may not apply in all areas.

Nancy Lubiewski asked participants to consider ways to get the attention of politicians on a national level and get them moving in our favor on the budget. George Eberle agreed and stated the community needs to be involved just as much. Jim Dwyer cautioned that we need to be clear in our thoughts and goals before we approach the Congressional representatives. Nancy suggested adding an item to the Agenda for next month to consider ways to keep Congressional representatives and the public informed and active. Kay Drey suggested this might require a working group to focus on keeping everyone informed.

David Adler stated the group should consider how to do things if more funding is not forthcoming. He advised that we must face the reality of budget cuts. Jim Dwyer noted that one promising idea that emerged at the National

Determination

NCEIT presentation to be at June meeting.

MDNR funding request to DOE Is finalized.

Trip to lab to be coordinated between David Miller and Jim Dwyer.

Agenda item added fc: June meeting to discuss ways to keep Congressional representatives and public informed and involved. Agenda Item/ Subject Discussed

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Determination

Summit was that each state might consider developing a state-wide solution. Developing an intra-state solution(s) would cut cost and might ease political challenges. This is very consistent with our idea of developing a multi-faceted strategy for St. Louis Site wastes.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 1995, at 7:30 a.m. at the Hazelwood Civic Center. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Next meeting is June 13, at 7:30 a.m., Hazelwood Civic Center.

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