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St. Louis Site Remediation Task Force
Priorities Working Group

February 21, 1996 Meeting

Berkeley City Hall
Berkeley, Missouri

APPROVED

Participants Attending

Lori Batton, City of Berkeley
 Tom Binz, Laclede Gas
 Kay Drey
 Jean Montgomery, City of Berkeley
 Sally Price
 Josh Richardson, City of Berkeley
 Mitch Scherzinger, MDNR

Support

Jim Dwyer, Facilitator
 Dave Miller, SAIC
 Sarah Snyder, FUSRAP

Agenda ItemMinutesDetermination*Call to Order*

Jim Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10
a.m

Develop Agenda

Mr. Dwyer asked the group to identify issues
it would like to cover during the meeting.
The following agenda was developed:

- Discussion of Remediation
Alternatives matrix
- Discussion of Coldwater Creek Panel
report
- Review of evaluation criteria for
cleanup requests
- Status of ballfields proposal (liability
issue)

*Discussion of
Matrix*

Mr. Dwyer reviewed the proposed
remediation alternatives matrix for Jean

Montgomery and others who were unable to attend the February 20 Task Force meeting. He explained that there would be a separate matrix developed for each of six components of the St. Louis Site, including:

- St. Louis Downtown Site (SLDS)
- St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS)
- Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS)
- Vicinity properties and haul routes
- Ballfields
- Coldwater Creek

Ms. Drey proposed adding West Lake Landfill to the list because the Task Force had included it in its mission statement.

Sally Price noted that West Lake Landfill is an EPA project and that it is not funded in DOE's FUSRAP budget. She said the Task Force should first establish contact with the remedial project manager for that site, if the Task Force wishes to develop a remediation matrix for West Lake Landfill.

Josh Richardson said he agreed that the Task Force needs to address West Lake Landfill in some fashion because of its inclusion in the mission statement. But he said the group does not presently have enough data to develop any informed decisions about the landfill.

Dave Miller said that under the existing Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), West Lake will be addressed by different people pursuant to a different process. The challenge, he suggested, will be to integrate Task Force recommendations into the decision-making process for West Lake.

Mitch Scherzinger said he agreed with Ms. Price and Mr. Miller. But he said the Task Force should address the landfill, even if it is

simply with a statement about the decision-making process for that site.

Mr. Dwyer said West Lake Landfill was not included in the proposed list of site components to be addressed with its own remediation alternative matrix because it has been his understanding, since the time the mission statement was developed in 1994, that the radioactive wastes at West Lake Landfill would simply be incorporated into the Task Force report by reference, and would not be subject to the same degree of analysis as SLAPS, SLDS, HISS, and the vicinity properties and haul routes. He explained that the matrix is merely a tool to assist in the development of a first draft of the Task Force report.

The working group decided to add West Lake Landfill to the list of component sites for which matrices would be developed.

Mr. Scherzinger then said he didn't see where the matrix would allow for cleanup of one site and interim storage at another. Tom Binz replied that interim storage could be identified as part of a "remediation plan" or an "interim measure" for any option at any site.

After remediation alternatives have been refined on the matrix, the Task Force should be able to address priorities, Mr. Dwyer said. But the first step is to develop clearly defined options, before debating the merits of any option or cleanup priorities.

*Coldwater Creek
Panel Report*

Mr. Dwyer advised that Mimi Garstang, the MDNR representative on the Coldwater Creek Panel, had advised him of her intention to submit comments on the draft report to panel chair David Miller, and

therefore the report still is not final. He reminded members of the working group that all Task Force participants are invited to submit written comments to Mr. Miller for consideration by the panel.

He said time will be devoted to discussion of the panel's conclusions at the March 19, 1996 Task Force meeting.

The working group agreed to defer discussion on this matter until after the March 19 Task Force meeting.

*Evaluation Criteria
for Cleanup
Requests*

Mr. Dwyer inquired whether the draft language explaining the purpose of the evaluation criteria to be used for cleanup requests was adequate. He reminded the working group that the purpose is to have this document available for any interested party who presents a request for cleanup of contaminated property. The document is intended to provide a standardized approach for evaluating those requests.

Mr. Scherzinger suggested that language be added to address the possible existence of chemical contamination, and not just radiological. The working group agreed with the suggestion, and discussed language to accomplish that objective.

It was agreed that Mr. Dwyer would incorporate the suggestions from the working group and distribute a new draft for review and comment.

Ballfields

Kay Drey said she asked that the ballfields be added to the agenda because of the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) that is in development. She said she questions separating the ballfields cleanup from the larger issue of remediating the airport site.

Mr. Miller said that development of a cleanup proposal for the ballfields was part of the Task Force's recommendations to DOE for fiscal years '96 and '97. He said that none of the alternatives being evaluated in the EE/CA will be implemented if there are objections from regulators (MDNR and EPA), the Task Force or the public. He explained that the law provides for a 30-day public comment period on the draft EE/CA, and the public comment period will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to express their preferences.

Ms. Drey repeated her opposition to the idea of restoring the ballfields to playable condition by excavating hot spots and covering the remainder of the site with clean soil. She said that when she proposed that idea, she did not expect it to be taken seriously.

Lori Batton said the working group reacted favorably to the proposal, and debated it thoroughly before recommending it to the Task Force. She said she took exception to the suggestion that the working group just threw this idea out without careful consideration. She said that when Ms. Drey came up with the idea of excavating the hot spots and covering the ballfields with clean soil, she thought, "Wow, that is rather a refreshing idea." She said the working group took the proposal seriously and acted on it.

She added that she thought of Ms. Drey's suggestion as a compromise. She said that initially she didn't think the idea was the best, but that the working group eventually thought it sounded rather good and voted to accept the proposal.

Ms. Drey asked Dave Miller what the EE/CA would say. Mr. Miller said the document

describes a menu of options, without recommending any one in particular. He said that four options are evaluated:

- No action - leave the site as is, with continued monitoring
- Complete excavation of all soil exceeding the 5/15 criteria; storage of excavated material at SLAPS
- Complete excavation, commercial disposal; all soil above the 5/15 criteria excavated and disposed of at a licensed commercial disposal facility
- Partial excavation, cover - Soil above 50 picocuries per gram of thorium-230 to be removed and disposed of at a licensed commercial disposal facility; ballfields then covered with one foot of clean soil

He said all options would involve the creation of a clean utility corridor. All the options, except for the "no action" option, also would include drainage improvements designed to prevent recontamination of the ballfields.

Ms. Drey asked if there would be a fence installed along Coldwater Creek. Mr. Miller said there would be.

Ms. Price said she would be more comfortable with this proposal if there were ongoing characterization of the ballfields to determine if there is recontamination from SLAPS. Mr. Miller suggested she submit that comment during the public comment period.

Ms. Drey raised the issue of liability, which Dave Adler had identified as an outstanding concern in his presentation to the Task Force about the ballfields proposal. Mr. Dwyer said he would contact Anna Ginsburg again about the importance of bringing the

issue of liability to closure.

Mr. Richardson then showed the working group a map of the locations considered by the Ballfields Committee of the City of Berkeley in evaluating other potential locations for ballfields. He explained the various drawbacks associated with each of the areas considered. He restated the conclusion of the subcommittee that there are no suitable locations within the City of Berkeley.

Mr. Dwyer said it is possible that, based on the forthcoming EE/CA, the Task Force may determine that it should reconsider the ballfields proposal. However, he suggested that the options evaluated in the EE/CA be presented to the Task Force for consideration first.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

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