Agenda

1995 Fall Board Meeting

Strategic Concerns, Total System Performance Assessment

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Gallery Ballroom
October 17-18, 1995

Tuesday, October 17

STRATEGIC CONCERNS

8:30 A.M.  Welcome and introductory remarks
John Cantlon
Chair, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB)

8:40 A.M.  Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) report
Daniel Dreyfus, Director
• Update on recent activities
• Fiscal year 1996 budget-based priorities
• Director's perspective on the future course of the program

9:10 A.M.  Questions/discussion

9:25 A.M.  Update on exploratory studies facility (ESF) progress
Richard Craun
Department of Energy (DOE)

9:45 A.M.  Questions/discussion
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9:55 A.M.  Update on scientific investigations  
  William Boyle, DOE

10:15 A.M.  Questions/discussion

10:25 A.M.  BREAK (15 minutes)

10:40 A.M.  Discussion with congressional staff
  Alex Flint — legislative assistant to Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM)
  Sam Fowler — senior minority counsel, Senate Committee on Energy &
  Natural Resources
  Sue Sheridan — minority counsel — House Committee on Commerce
  Troy Timmons — professional staff member, House Committee on
  Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
  • Perspectives on recent and upcoming legislation

11:40 A.M.  National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report:  Technical Bases For
  Yucca Mountain Standards  
  Robert Fri,  Chair, NAS committee

12:10 P.M.  Questions/discussion

12:25 P.M.  LUNCH (1 hour)

1:25 P.M.  DOE reaction to NAS standards report  
  Stephan Brocoum, DOE
  • Implications of different kinds of standards for the program
  • Performance assessment insights

1:55 P.M.  Questions/discussion

2:10 P.M.  Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) analysis of the different
  standards using performance assessment  
  John Kessler, EPRI
  • Two NAS standards report models
  • HR-1020 standard
  • Significant contributors to the different performance measures
  • Problems and uncertainties in calculating the different performance
    measures
  • Implications for site characterization, waste isolation strategy
2:30 P.M.  Questions/discussion

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2:40 P.M.  Waste isolation strategy update

Stephan Brocoum, DOE
Jean Younker, TRW Environmental Safety Systems (TRW) Management and Operating Contractor (M&O)

- Report from the M&O
  - New issues
  - Critical assumptions
  - Program implications
- Performance assessment backup of waste isolation strategy

3:20 P.M.  Questions/discussion

3:40 P.M.  BREAK (15 minutes)

3:55 P.M.  Round-table discussion of major issues: NAS standards report, waste isolation strategy, and congressional staff perspectives

— What are the strategic and tactical implications involved?
— How can the viability of the geologic disposal program be maintained?
— What are the resultant priorities?
Moderator — Jared Cohon, NWTRB
Participants: Daniel Dreyfus (OCRWM), Robert Fri (NAS), John Kessler (EPRI), Stephan Brocoum (DOE), Jean Younker (TRW-M&O), Margaret Federline (Nuclear Regulatory Commission), Robert Loux (state of Nevada), William Magavern (Public Citizen), Lawrence Weinstock (Environmental Protection Agency), Steven Kraft (Nuclear Energy Institute), Robert Williams, and Chris Whipple (IFC Kaiser).

5:10 P.M.  Public comment

5:25 P.M.  Session closing remarks
John Cantlon, NWTRB

5:30 P.M.  Recess until 8:30 A.M., Wednesday, October 18
Wednesday, October 18

8:30 A.M.  Session introduction
Donald Langmuir, NWTRB

TOTAL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (TSPA) - 1995

8:35 A.M.  Introduction
Abe Van Luik, DOE

8:45 A.M.  Objectives/approach
Robert Andrews, INTERA (M&O)

9:05 A.M.  Questions/discussion

9:15 A.M.  Ambient and thermally perturbed flow in the unsaturated zone
Srikanta Mishra, INTERA (M&O)

9:45 A.M.  Questions/discussion

9:55 A.M.  BREAK (15 minutes)

10:10 A.M.  Waste package degradation model and results
Joon Lee, INTERA (M&O)

10:40 A.M.  Questions/discussion

10:50 A.M.  Engineered barrier system release model and results
Jerry McNeish, INTERA (M&O)

11:20 A.M.  Questions/discussion

11:30 A.M.  LUNCH (1 hour)

12:30 P.M.  Geosphere transport and release/dose
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1:15 P.M. Questions/discussion

1:30 P.M. Volcanism effects and consequences
Bruce Crowe
Los Alamos National Laboratory

1:45 P.M. Questions/discussion

1:55 P.M. Summary and recommendations
Robert Andrews, INTERA (M&O)
- Key uncertainties
- Alternate system performance measures
- Implications for site and design

2:15 P.M. Questions/discussion

2:25 P.M. Concluding remarks
Eric Smistad, DOE

2:35 P.M. BREAK (15 minutes)

USING PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

2:50 P.M. Making use of performance assessment: lessons learned
Paul Davis
Sandia National Laboratories (SNL)
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, New Mexico
- Greater Confinement Disposal Program, Nevada
- Yucca Mountain, Nevada

3:20 P.M. Questions/discussion

3:30 P.M. BREAK (10 minutes)

3:40 P.M. Round-table discussion: the uses of TSPA
— Can TSPA be used to set priorities now?
— What are its limitations?
— How can it be made more useful?
— How valid are assessments of compliance?
— Can a simplified TSPA be developed and used effectively?
Moderator: Donald Langmuir, NWTRB
Participants: Abe Van Luik (DOE), Eric Smistad (DOE), Robert Andrews (INTERA-M&O), Paul Davis (SNL), John Kessler (EPRI), Ben Ross (Disposal Safety), Steve Frishman (state of Nevada), Norman Eisenberg (NRC), Chris Whipple (IFC Kaiser), and Robert Bernero.

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4:50 P.M. Public comment

5:20 P.M. Session summary
Donald Langmuir, NWTRB

5:25 P.M. Closing remarks
John Cantlon, Chair-NWTRB

5:30 P.M. Adjourn