

EM SSAB Chairs Conference Call

July 28, 2016; 2:00 PM EST

Participants

<i>Board</i>	<i>Chairs/Representatives</i>	<i>Site Staff</i>
HAB	Susan Leckband	Dieter Bohrmann, Kyle Rankin
Idaho CAB	Herb Bohrer, Keith Branter	Jordan Davies
Nevada SSAB	Donna Hruska, Janice Keiserman	Kelly Snyder, Barbara Ulmer
Northern New Mexico	Doug Sayre, Gerard Martinez	Menice Santistevan
Oak Ridge SSAB		Pete Osborne
Paducah CAB	Mike Kemp	Buz Smith, Eric Roberts, Jim Etheridge
Portsmouth SSAB	Bob Berry	
Savannah River CAB	Harold Simon, Nina Spinelli	de'Lisa Carrico, James Tanner

DOE-HQ Representatives

David Borak, Elizabeth Davison, Allison Finelli, Jared Bierbach, Emily Adamo, Rob Seifert

Opening Remarks

Mr. David Borak, Designated Federal Officer for the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), called the meeting to order.

EM HQ Update

EM underwent a reorganization that went into effect on Monday, July 25, 2016. EM-3.2 has become EM-4.32 and is now named the Office of Intergovernmental & Stakeholder programs. EM-4.32 is now under Frank Marcinowski, who will serve as Associate Principal Deputy Secretary for Regulatory and Policy Affairs. Rob Seifert, who previously served as Office Director of the Office of Environmental Compliance, is now acting Director of the newly constituted Office of Regulatory, Intergovernmental, & Stakeholder Engagement. He will also act for EM-4.32 until a separate acting office director is selected. Mr. Rob Seifert, greeted the Chairs introduced himself and expressed his excitement for the reorganization and the work that the EM-SSABs are doing. Mr. Borak noted that the EM reorganization would be explained in full at the next Chairs' meeting.

Chairs' Meeting Update

Mr. Borak confirmed that the next EM SSAB Chairs Meeting would be held August 31st to September 1st, at the Marriott Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Borak then went over the draft agenda for the meeting. Ms. Barbara Ulmer from the Nevada SSAB further went over the agenda, including the tour itinerary and logistics which is scheduled to take place on August 30th. She encouraged meeting attendees to make their hotel reservations within the room block no later than Monday, August, 8.

Other Business

Mr. Borak discussed the status of the existing Chairs' recommendations. There are 3 recommendations outstanding. The first recommendation on Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs). He said that all the boards have passed this recommendation except the Idaho CAB and wondered if the boards would be ok with moving forward with it without Idaho. There was consensus amongst the Chairs. The group then discussed the recommendations regarding funding of the EM SSAB program and community involvement clauses added to contracts. Mr. Borak inquired about the status of these recommendations amongst the EM SSABs. The Chairs said they would check with their boards and Mr. Borak said he would send out a follow up email to the Chairs after the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Herb Bohrer from the Idaho CAB explained some of the concerns the board and State of Idaho had with the SEPs recommendation. Mr. Bohrer asked whether DOE General Counsel has looked at the precedence of adding community involvement clauses in the past. Mr. Borak responded that they had.

Mr. Borak brought up the topic of the Chairs' Round Robin slides and specifications that were being requested for them. He noted that the theme for this meeting will focus on the upcoming transition to a new Presidential administration. He requested that the Chairs highlight their boards' values and priorities. Mr. Borak also noted that the slide should be no more than one page. Ms. Susan Leckband from the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) asked for some clarification regarding whether the topic should center on the board priorities related to cleanup at the site or the site's accomplishments. Mr. Borak indicated that it was the former. Ms. de'Lisa Carrico, federal coordinator for the Savannah River Site (SRS) CAB, asked for clarification regarding the due dates for the slides. Mr. Borak said that they would be due Friday, August 19th.

Finally Mr. Borak discussed the transition memo. He discussed the status of the memo and what was outstanding. He said that he would like to gather all the information requested by the week of August 8th, with final approval from the end of August.

Seeing no further business Mr. Borak concluded the discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM EST.