Welcome to the Community Engagement Panel meeting for the Fourth Quarter of 2019. We want to thank you for your interest in the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), which includes the continued movement of spent nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage.

The Community Engagement Panel, or CEP, serves as a venue for our local communities affected by closure of SONGS to communicate, two-ways, with the plant decommissioning agent Southern California Edison.

The meetings provide an opportunity for the public to hear directly from SCE about the status of work at SONGS. They are also a chance to make comments and ask questions, and get answers.

We are glad you have chosen to join us.

David Victor
Chair,
Community Engagement Panel

Fuel Transfer Operations Continue

Last Friday, crews safely downloaded canister #40 in the Holtec UMAX dry fuel storage system. There are 33 more canisters to transfer before the operation is complete. That’s expected to happen around the middle of next year. Visit the SONGS Community website to read updates on fuel transfer operations.

Overview of Dry Spent Fuel Storage at SONGS available on the SONGS Community website

During a May 29, 2019 meeting with Rep. Mike Levin (CA-49), staff from the offices of Reps. Scott Peters and Harley Rouda, and members of his task force, the discussion focused on spent nuclear fuel storage efforts at SONGS, as well as several misconceptions around developments in spent nuclear fuel storage.

SCE agreed to do a “refresh” of its original analysis of long-term, on-site spent nuclear fuel storage options. The resulting paper provides detailed information on SCE’s choice in 2014 of the Holtec UMAX storage. Find it in the Need to Know section of the website.

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CEP Chair David Victor on KUSI News

Last week, CEP chair David Victor appeared on KUSI news in San Diego to talk about spent nuclear fuel storage and the decommissioning work happening at SONGS.

The first questions out of the box from news anchor Logan Byrnes was: is the spent fuel safe? Victor answered that the safest place for the spent fuel is in dry cask storage, and that the science is pretty clear on that.

Victor also stated the ultimate goal is to move the spent fuel to an off-site location, but federal law needs to be changed to help facilitate that.

A link to the full interview is available on the CEP meeting page on the SONGS community website.

Meet the CEP

Chairman
Dr. David G. Victor (University of California, San Diego)

Vice Chairman
The Nicholas Endowment (Dan Stetson)

Secretary
City of Oceanside (Representative Jerome M. "Jerry" Kern)

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American Nuclear Society, San Diego Chapter (Edward "Ted" Quinn)
California State Parks (Rich Haydon)
Camp Pendleton (Sam Jammal)

Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees (Board Member Martha McNicholas)
City of Dana Point (Mayor Pro Tem Paul Wyatt)
City of San Clemente (Mayor Pro Tem Dan Bane)
City of San Juan Capistrano (Council Member John Taylor)
Laborers International Union of North America Local 89 (Valentine "Val" Macedo)
Orange County Board of Supervisors (Sup. Lisa Bartlett)
Orange County Coastkeeper (Garry Brown)
Orange County Sheriff’s Department (Donna Boston)
San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Sup. Jim Desmond)
San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (Capt. Mel Vernon)
Sierra Club (Marni Magda)
South Orange County Economic Coalition (Jim Leach)

Public Walking Tours at SONGS

Interested in taking a tour of San Onofre? Public walking tours are scheduled twice a month. To sign-up, visit the SONGSCommunity.com website and register for the date that works best for you.

Hope to see you soon!

Students from San Clemente H.S. tour SONGS earlier this year.