San Onofre Decommissioning Community Engagement Panel
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. via Skype
Meeting Minutes

1) Community Engagement Panel (CEP) member attendance:
   a) Present: Dr. David Victor (CEP Chairman/University of California, San Diego), Dan Stetson (CEP Vice Chairman/Trustee-Executive Director, Nicholas Endowment), Hon. Martha McNicholas (CEP Secretary/Trustee, Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees), Hon. John Taylor (San Juan Capistrano City Council), Mark Riddlebarger (California State Parks Emergency Manager), Marni Magda (Sierra Club), Garry Brown (Orange County Coastkeeper), Hon. Michael Villar (Dana Point City Council), Hon. Jim Desmond (Supervisor, San Diego County, 5th District), Hon. Chris Duncan (San Clemente City Council), Hon. Lisa Bartlett (Supervisor, Orange County, 5th District), Valentine “Val” Macedo (Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 89), Rob Howard (City of Oceanside Representative), Sam Jammal (Camp Pendleton), Ted Quinn (American Nuclear Society), Michelle Anderson (Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Management Interim Director), and Captain Mel Vernon (San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians)

b) Southern California Edison (SCE) Representatives: Doug Bauder, (Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) and Vice President (VP) of Decommissioning); Vincent Bilovsky (Director, Decommissioning Project)

c) Guests: Tom Isaacs (Experts Team Chairman and Independent Advisor on Nuclear Spent Fuel Management) Elizabeth Helvey (North Wind Team Project Manager) and Joe Hezir (North Wind Team Legislative and Policy Lead)

2) Virtual meeting via Skype convened by Chairman Victor at 5:30 p.m.

NOTE: VIDEO OF THIS MEETING, SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS, AND A TRANSCRIPT ARE AVAILABLE HERE THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES A SUMMARY

3) Changes to CEP membership: David Victor thanked departing members for their service and welcomed new members. During the November 2020 meeting, David mentioned Michelle Anderson is replacing Donna Boston from Orange County Emergency Management on an interim basis, and Mark Riddlebarger is replacing Rich Haydon from State Parks on an interim basis. Since November, we have had two new appointments to the CEP from local cities: Council Member Chris Duncan has been appointed by the City of San Clemente, and Council Member Michael Villar has been appointed by the City of Dana Point. In addition, Jim Leach resigned from the CEP after 7 years on the panel and we are working to have a replacement on board before our 2nd quarter meeting.

4) Demolition: SCE shared recent decommissioning activities inside the containment domes, near-term demotion of administration buildings, and water treatment and scheduled releases. The phased demolition of structures on site at San Onofre will begin in early 2021 and we will hear more about that at future CEP meetings.

SCE is one year into an eight-year process to dismantle the above-grade structures on site. Demolition of administration buildings is about to begin. These are office buildings that will clear the way for a new rail yard and lay-down (temporary storage) areas for equipment.
Rail shipments are increasing as progress is made on dismantlement, both inside and outside the containment domes. SCE has told us that most of the material will be going by rail rather than trucks on the roadways, to reduce traffic. Rail is also better for the environment. One railcar can carry as much material as six trucks.

5) **Strategic Plan to Relocate SONGS Spent Nuclear Fuel Offsite:** Joe Hezir and Tom Isaacs presented an overview of the Strategic Plan and Conceptual Transportation Plan. Doug Bauder presented an overview of the Action Plan. Hon. Lisa Bartlett and Hon. Jim Desmond introduced the new *Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now* coalition. The goal of the Strategic Plan is the safe commercially reasonable location of SONGS spent nuclear fuel to another facility, restoration of the site, and return of the land to the Navy (the landowner).

6) **Key Takeaways (Summarized by David Victor)**
   a) Edison and its contractors have presented a major Strategic Plan to relocate SONGS spent fuel offsite. The Plan is comprehensive and highly granular on critical topics such as regulatory oversight, cost, liability, and practicality of the various alternatives. One volume of the report is an Action Plan that outlines the commitments from SCE for implementation.
   b) A key to success is consolidated interim storage. Making the most use of interim storage appears to require a substantial federal role, including the assumption of liability and provision or payment for transportation services. Absent a federal role there are too many lingering uncertainties on cost, liability, and other critical matters. An interim storage approach will require, as well, a strategy for developing viable permanent disposal so that “interim” does not become seen as “permanent.”
   c) Spent fuel transportation is complex and expensive, but the challenges around transportation are manageable assuming the federal government creates a framework that makes interim storage viable—notably assumption of title and liability.
   d) Edison cannot go it alone and be effective in changing federal policy and strategy. The siting of a spent fuel facility is a political challenge, more than an engineering issue. Success will require allies.
   e) Local county supervisors, along with SCE and others, have launched a coalition to spur federal action to relocate spent fuel to a federally licensed offsite location. No such facility exists and won’t until the federal government takes legislative and policy actions. This coalition is an advocacy group, different from the CEP which is conduit of information among SCE, local communities, and stakeholder groups.
   f) Now that the coalition is in place, we need to look for windows of opportunity in Washington DC and leverage the coalition and advocacy to realize a path to success. We need to reach out to other utilities and communities in similar positions and build a larger and effective political alliance.

**Additional information:**
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• Visit the March 18 CEP meeting webpage for more information related to tonight’s meeting
• Coverage of the Strategic Plan and coalition: San Diego Union-Tribune Orange County Register
• Learn more about the coalition and sign up at www.ActionForSpentFuelSolutionsNow.com

7) Chairman Victor facilitated the public comment period
a) Public comments were made by the following individuals:
   i) Alice McNally (Coalition for Nuclear Safety) – Hot cell and ASME N3 casks
   ii) Gary Headrick (San Clemente Green) – new coalition to move spent fuel
   iii) Paul Schumann (Local resident) – sea wall and spent fuel facility on higher ground
   iv) Cathy Iwane (Samuel Lawrence Foundation) – spent fuel pools and dry handling facility
   v) Bart Ziegler (Samuel Lawrence Foundation President) – moving spent fuel off the beach
   vi) Debbie Kinsinger (Kinsinger Environmental Consultant) – environmental impact study
   vii) Nina Babiarz: (Public Watchdogs) - new coalition to move the spent fuel
   viii) Ashley Mazanec (EcoArts Foundation) – in place protections for spent fuel, thicker casks
   ix) Chelsi Sparti (Samuel Lawrence Foundation) – new coalition
   i) Kalene Walker: (Local resident) – spent nuclear fuel and new coalition

8) Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.