San Onofre Decommissioning Community Engagement Panel
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:17 p.m. PDT via Microsoft Teams
Meeting Minutes

1) Community Engagement Panel (CEP) member attendance:
   a) Present: Dr. David Victor (CEP Chairman/University of California, San Diego), Hon. Martha McNicholas (CEP Secretary/Trustee, Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees), Hon. Jim Desmond, (San Diego County Supervisor, 5th District), Rob Howard (City of Oceanside Representative), Michelle Anderson (Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Management Interim Director), Captain Mel Vernon (San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians), Hon. Chris Duncan (San Clemente City Council), Pauline Colvin, (Alternate for Lisa Bartlett, Orange County Supervisor, 5th District), Scott Kibbley (California State Parks, South Sector Superintendent), Marni Magda (Sierra Club), and Hon. John Taylor (San Juan Capistrano City Council)
   b) Absent: Dan Stetson (CEP Vice Chairman/Trustee-Executive Director, Nicholas Endowment), Hon. Lisa Bartlett, (Orange County Supervisor, 5th District), Garry Brown (Orange County Coastkeeper), Valentine “Val” Macedo (Laborers’ International Union of North America, Local 89), Hon. Michael Villar (Dana Point City Council), Mike Balsamo, (Sr. VP, Government Relations Rancho Mission Viejo and South Orange County Economic Coalition Board Member), Sam Jammal (Camp Pendleton, Community Plans and Liaison Officer) and Ted Quinn (American Nuclear Society)
   c) Southern California Edison (SCE) Representatives: Doug Bauder (Chief Nuclear Officer and Vice President of Decommissioning) and Richard Kalman, Executive Sponsor, SONGS Decommissioning Solutions (SDS)
   d) Guest Speakers: Hon. Jim Desmond (San Diego County Supervisor, 5th District and ASFSN Co-Chair) and Pauline Colvin, Communications Director for Lisa Bartlett (Orange County Supervisor and Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now (ASFSN) Co-Chair

2) Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams 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) Opening Comments: Chairman David Victor welcomed panel members and meeting participants. He reviewed the agenda topics and guest speakers. He shared how CEP Vice Chair, Dan Stetson, who was not in attendance, gave a presentation during the American Nuclear Society’s (ANS) annual meeting in Anaheim, California on June 15. The topic of the ANS panel discussion was “Consent-Based Siting of Interim Storage Facilities Without Yucca Mountain.” The focus was on how we are making advances on consolidated interim storage (CIS) and how it is good news that there is growing attention on not just the need for CIS, but also on the practicalities and on-going solutions that need to be addressed. Chairman Victor discussed the recent policy resolution by the Western Governors’ Association (WGA) entitled 2022-09 “Radioactive Materials Management,” adding that WGA has looked at a whole range of issues around management of radioactive materials. He also provided an update regarding the Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Granholm’s visit to the San Onofre site in April and as a follow-up to her visit, Chairman Victor and others will meeting with the DOE staff to discuss consent-based siting for federal CIS, and the need to get other communities organized.
1) **ASFSN Update:** Jim Desmond provided an update on recent federal legislation and actions by the coalition, including submitting a response to the DOE request for information on a federal consent-based siting for CIS, adding that SCE and the CEP leadership also submitted responses. The DOE is currently preparing a summary of those responses from all over the country and will be releasing the report to the public. He discussed Senator Joe Manchin’s (D-WV) new bill. Senator Manchin is the chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the bill would create a single purpose federal agency to oversee the development of nuclear waste storage sites and would authorize work on consent-based sittings for a new federal repository. In addition, the Senate Appropriations Committee proposed shifting federal funding for the DOE interim storage inquiry into the government’s nuclear fuel cycle account. These are all positive steps in the right direction.

Pauline Colvin provided an update on the ASFSN coalition, which continues to grow. She emphasized the importance of not only organizing communities around San Onofre, but also around the state and across the country. She shared how the City of Huntington Beach recently passed a resolution of support for the coalition and joins San Clemente, Dana Point, Newport Beach, and many others. The coalition also recently met with Assemblywoman Laurie Davies who recently toured the plant and joins a long list of elected officials who have expressed support for the coalition’s mission.

2) **SONGS Big Picture:** Doug Bauder discussed the importance of the decommissioning principles: safety, stewardship, and engagement. He explained the three major work streams occurring at the plant: dismantling above ground structures, safely managing the spent fuel on site, and advocating for offsite storage and disposal. He talked about the San Onofre Decommissioning Update mailer distributed in June 2022 to residents within a five-mile radius of SONGS in order to keep the public informed and the resources available online at www.songscommunity.com to learn about the dismantlement of the plant, including recent demolition time-lapse videos of the turbine building dismantlement, and where to sign up for public tours. Doug explained that guest speaker Rich Kalman, SDS Executive Sponsor, would be providing the dismantlement update for this meeting.

3) **Rich Kalman** provided an overview of the dismantlement progress to date. He shared the organization’s guiding principles, and management’s commitment to safety following recent employee injuries. He reviewed the project schedule summary and gave updates on work being performed inside the containment domes and the remaining structures outside, such as the turbine building dismantlement, which included a time-lapse video. Rich also provided updates regarding waste management, packaging, and transportation, including the recent Unit 2 reactor pressure vessel head shipment to Clive, Utah, for disposal. Rich also discussed efforts to support environmental stewardship and mitigation measures, providing pictures and details regarding the protection of wildlife and the environment while the dismantlement project is underway.

4) **Chairman David Victor** offered key takeaways summarized here:
The CEP heard from the SONGS decommissioning contractor, SONGS Decommissioning Solutions (SDS), on overall progress with the work to decontaminate and dismantle SONGS. It was important for us to hear how the contractor plans to ensure the work is done safely, following a serious worker injury earlier this year. SDS management explained that they continue to act on recommendations that will improve safety, while also being informed by independent assessments that will help performance in this area.

Dismantlement work is progressing according to schedule. SDS shared a high-level schedule that shows the dismantlement of the containment domes happening in the 2026-2027 timeframe. Before that, the work inside the domes will be completed. Work to process and transfer Greater-Than-Class C waste to the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation continues, with completion forecast for spring 2023. Currently, the work on the turbine buildings continues. See below for a time-lapse video of the Unit 2 (northern) side of the structure being dismantled by multiple excavators. The CEP also received an update on waste shipments leaving the site. So far, 128 million pounds of material has left the site, mostly by rail. Ultimately, some one billion pounds will be removed.

San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond—co-chair of the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now (ASFSN) coalition and CEP member—briefed the CEP on new legislation in Congress that would authorize work on a new federal spent fuel repository using a consent-based process. Pauline Colvin, communications director for Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett—ASFSN co-chair—provided an update on the coalition’s recent work including securing a resolution of support from the Huntington Beach City Council and action in other local cities.

More broadly on spent fuel, constructive engagement with the Department of Energy is ongoing and the topic continues to garner attention. Dan Stetson participated in a panel discussion on consent-based siting at an American Nuclear Society national meeting in June and the Western Governors’ Association recently issued a policy resolution on spent fuel that addresses consent and the importance of adopting best practices for safely transporting radiological material.

5) Additional information about SONGS activities:
   - Join the coalition whose mission is to remove spent fuel from SONGS.
   - Watch a time-lapse video on the Unit 2 Full Flow building being dismantled. And see how it all started.
   - Read about the shipments of heavy loads from SONGS during decommissioning.
   - See the latest decommissioning quarterly report.
   - Take a walk down memory lane with a look back at Unit 1.

6) Chairman Victor and Martha McNicholas facilitated the public comment period
   a) Public comment was provided by the following individuals:
      i) Nina Babiarz (Public Watchdogs) – cost of shipping waste to Clive, Utah
ii) Katie Day (Surfrider Foundation) – independent assessment of ocean water samples following the release of cleaned up waste-water batches

9) **Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.**