


# Community Engagement Panel Meeting

SONGS Decommissioning Solutions Update on Progress
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***Key Takeaways & Shareables***

## Key Takeaways

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.

## Shareables

- 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.