

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board  
To The Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory**

**Tuesday, January 9, 1996**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Members Present:**

Dr. Antonio Delgado, Co-Chair  
Orlando Arellano  
Sara Atencio  
Robert Castille  
Hank L. Dancman, PE  
Glenn Lockhart  
Loyda Martinez  
Corrine Sanchez  
Mike Terrill  
Elmer Torres  
Manual Trujillo  
Carl Tsosie  
Karen Young

**Board Members Not Present:**

Bernadette Chavira-Merriman, Co-Chair  
Dolores Salazar  
Nick Salazar  
Lorenzo Valdez

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Herman Le-Doux, DOE, Designated  
Federal Officer  
Ken Hargis for Tom Baca, LANL  
Din Whitey for Benito Garcia, NMED

**Ex-Officio Members No Present:**

Barbara Driscoll, EPA

**Los Alamos National Laboratory:**

Leroy Apodaca, Community Involvement & Outreach  
Linda Anderson, Community Involvement & Outreach

**CAB Support Staff:**

Lisa Roybal, SCIENTECH, Inc.

The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) to the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory met at the Helping Hands Community Center, Mora, New Mexico on January 9, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair



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Dr. Antonio Delgado at 6:45 p.m. with 14 voting CAB members present. This constituted a quorum. The agenda was unanimously approved. The minutes from the December 12, 1995 CAB Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Public Comments:**

1. **Jean-Marie Crocket, NMED** - Ms. Crocket invited CAB members to attend a public information meeting that NMED's DOE Oversight Bureau is holding on January 11, 1996 at the Northern New Mexico Community College in Española, New Mexico in the main conference room from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Discussion items will include four poster sessions followed by round table discussion focused on the following themes: Best Management Practices and Current NFA Proposals, Ground Water Issues, Air Issues including an update on the NEWNET and TLD programs, and Waste Management Issues. Ms. Crocket encourage CAB members to attend this meeting since the issues being discussed are related to the scope and mission of the CAB.

2. **Juan Montes, Questa, NM** - The formation committee in the draft operating procedures states that senior representation from NMED and LANL should be present at all CAB meetings. Mr. Montes questioned the lack of this representation at this CAB meeting. Specifically Mr. Baca, LANL, and Mr. Garcia, NMED.

Mr. Montes brought to the attention of the CAB an article in the *Journal North* which stated that Los Alamos National Laboratory plans to clean 60 contaminated sites this year as part of its \$1 billion, 20-year cleanup campaign. Mr. Montes would like to know if the CAB is going to play a role in determining which site should be cleaned, prioritizing these site, and if DOE and LANL are informing the CAB about these activities.

Mr. Hargis, who was present for Mr. Baca, stated that Mr. Baca was called to a meeting in Albuquerque, therefore could not attend this meeting. Mr. Hargis stated that this was the first CAB meeting that Mr. Baca has missed since the CAB's appointment in August.

Mr. Dimwitty, attending for Mr. Garcia, stated that Mr. Garcia had a another obligation in Pecos and also has not missed a meeting since the CAB's appointment in August.

In response, Chairman Delgado stated that he would look into the reasons why Mr. Baca and Mr. Garcia were not in attendance and if necessary would right letters to LANL and NMED.

Herman Le-Doux, DOE, stated that he would not support any letters going to LANL and NMED regarding inquiries as to why they are not in attendance at this meeting. He stated that it was unreasonable to expect anyone to be present at all CAB meetings. Mr. Le-Doux also stated that DOE has allowed the CAB to set its own agenda without interference from DOE and has requested and offered to give presentations on site prioritize at CAB meetings but is turned down each time due to lack of time.

**3. Hank Daneman, Santa Fe, NM** - Mr. Daneman distributed an article regarding nuclear waste disposal (attached). He also suggested as a result of this article that a subcommittee be formed by the CAB focusing on waste disposal remediation with respect to human, budget, communities and workers.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Daneman handed out a memo that he sent to the Co-Chairs regarding consideration of forming four new subcommittees (memo attached). These elements that the four subcommittees would address are: Environmental Protection, Science Education, Technology Transfer, and Renewable Energy. A subcommittee for each element would be formed.

Chairman Delgado questioned whether the four suggested subcommittees would fall under the subcommittees that are already in existence.

It was brought to the attention of the CAB that when the four existing subcommittees were formed at the September 12 Meeting in Taos they would be administrative in nature and do not deal with specific issues unless assigned to them by the CAB. Forming the four new subcommittees would address programmatic issues that are outside the administrative realm. Mr. Trujillo, Mr. Lockhart, Mike Terrill, and Karen Young all spoke out in favor of the addition of the aforementioned new subcommittees.

It was suggested that these subcommittees be formed at a work session after which each subcommittee would invite experts to give presentations at subcommittee meetings.

Carl Tsosie moved that four subcommittees be formed at the work session to be held in February. These subcommittees are: Environmental Protection, Science Education, Technology Transfer, and Renewable Energy. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**DOE/LANL Monthly Report** - Herman Le-Doux committed to provide detailed monthly written and oral report regarding Environmental Restoration/Waste Management and present it at CAB monthly meetings. This report will be given in a bullet format and also in a format that is understandable to the public. It was noted that at the December 13 CAB Meeting in Española, DOE/LANL distributed this report and was prepared to give an oral presentation but due to time constraints the CAB never got to the oral presentation from DOE/LANL.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Operational Procedures/By-Laws Subcommittee** - Carl Tsosie, Chair, Operational Procedures/By-Laws Subcommittee (OP/BL), presented three recommendations from the OP/BL to the CAB for consideration (attached).

1. Work Session - Saturday, February 3, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hotel Santa Fe.

Mr. Tsosie moved that the Work Session for the CAB be held on Saturday, February 3, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hotel Santa Fe. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Tsosie stated that Picuris Pueblo will provide lunch and all day refreshments for CAB members along with special rates for CAB members who would like to stay Friday or Saturday night at the hotel.

2. Approval of the proposed changes to the Mission Statement and Operating Procedures.

- Mr. Tsosie explained the changes under "Conflict of Interest", "Meeting Minutes" and "Membership" of the Operating Procedures.

Corrine Sanchez suggested that under "Meeting Notices" the statement "except when classified or administratively sensitive information is discussed" should be stricken from the Operation Procedures all together. She stated that she does not feel comfortable reviewing classified information that she can not share with the public which she represents. Loyda Martinez moved to strike the aforementioned statement. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Orlando Arellano moved to approve the changes to the Mission Statement and Operating Procedures. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Code of Conduct - Mr. Tsosie stated that this Code of Conduct will be further revised by OP/BL Subcommittee and be submitted to the CAB at the next work session for discussion.

A member of the public, Juan Montes requested a statement regarding courtesy for the public (i.e. announcing canceled meetings) be placed in the Code of Conduct. The OP/BL Subcommittee will take this request into consideration.

**Individual Issues Subcommittee** - Robert Castillo, Chair, Individual Issues Subcommittee (IIS), appointed Manuel Trujillo to present three recommendations from the IIS to the CAB for consideration (attached).

1. Process by which this CAB should make recommendations to DOE - The CAB made minor changes to the process. Mike Terril moved that the following process be accepted by the CAB as the procedure it would follow when making recommendations to DOE:

**Process by which this CAB should make recommendations to DOE**

- a) Focus on one issue
- b) Assign the issue to a subcommittee
- c) Receive training and briefings on that issue
- d) Evaluate this information and make a recommendation to the CAB (hire private consultants if necessary)
- e) Hold public hearings on the recommendation
- f) Approval by the CAB with factoring in public input
- g) Submit to DOE as the CAB recommendation by following the recommendation process of the Operating Procedures.

This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. LANL Contract - The recommendation from the IIS was modified by the CAB to read as follows:

The Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) to the Department of Energy/Los Alamos National Laboratory in its January 9, 1996 Meeting recommends to the Department of Energy (DOE) that independent of the decision made by DOE, whether the Los Alamos National Laboratory contract be contract renewal or rebid, one of the functional areas in the contract should clearly address the need for improvement in communications and the relationship between the Northern New Mexico Communities and its corporate neighbor LANL; specifically full consideration on the Northern New Mexico communities on environmental, health, and economic impacts. Detailed specific recommendations from this Board will follow at a later date.

Karen Young moved that the aforementioned statement be submitted to DOE as a formal recommendation from the CAB regarding the LANL Contract. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Herman Le-Doux, DOE, stated that this recommendation was too broad and suggested that the CAB further revise this recommendation to address specifics and submit it to DOE at a latter date.

It was stated that the motion was already passed, therefore, the recommendation will be submitted to DOE with detailed specific recommendations to follow.

3. Presentations for the CAB at the work session to be held on February 3, 1996 - Mr. Trujillo, for the IIS, requested to reserve three hours for the following presentations be given by DOE/LANL at the February 3, 1996 Work Session: Potential Land Transfer Parcels, DOE Funding Structure as it pertains to Environmental Management and Waste Management.

This recommendation was granted to the IIS by Chairman Delgado.

**Action Item**

**February 3, 1996 Work Session Agenda**

1. Presentation from DOE/LANL - Potential Land Transfer Parcels, DOE Funding Structure, Environmental Restoration, Waste Management. All pertaining to LANL.
2. Formation for four Subcommittees - Environmental Protection, Science Education, Technology Transfer, and Renewable Energy
3. Discussion of Code of Conduct
4. Discussion of Work Plan/Budget for FY97 & FY98

Distribute letter from President Adkins, University of California (UC), to Senator Dominci, Senator Richardson, and State Rep. Bingaman to extend the contract to for UC to continue operating LANL.

Submit recommendation letter to DOE regarding the LANL contract.

Next CAB meeting will be held at the San Ildefonso Gym on February 13, 1996 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.