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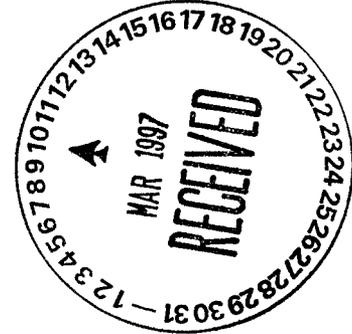
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March 10, 1997

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RE: Meeting of February 26, 1997

Dear Mr. Daneman:

Thank you for allowing me to meet with you on February 26 to discuss various information that the DOE Oversight Bureau may be able to provide to you and to the LANL Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). Also, I thank you for your e-mail of the same date.

From Ann Dubois, we have received a copy of the agenda for the March 11 CAB meeting in Las Vegas. According to the agenda, Stu Dinwiddie of the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau is scheduled to talk for 30 minutes on the subject of contaminated sites and releases from LANL. There will be a member present from the DOE Oversight Bureau who can address our current knowledge regarding the migration of contaminants from Laboratory property.

At our February 26 meeting, we discussed a wide range of subjects, some of which are listed in your e-mail (copy attached). The following is my summary of the questions raised in the meeting, based on your notes and my notes from the meeting:

1. What is the role of the NMED in risk assessment?
2. Can the NMED bring in a risk assessment expert to establish a methodology for risk assessment which is in line with current standards and is acceptable to the EPA and the DOE?
3. Can the NMED/EPA/DOE agree on a risk assessment methodology?
4. Can the NMED hire an independent expert to review the methodology for site characterization and risk assessment, particularly as it relates to the ASTM methodology.
5. Can the NMED hire an independent reviewer to review the PEIS based on an agreed upon methodology?
6. Will the NMED review the PEIS and comment on safety? Specifically, will the NMED comment on the risk associated with plutonium pit production?
7. What is the current risk to humans or the environment from contaminant releases at LANL, and what is the risk to off-site locations? What is being done in the meantime?

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Hank Daneman
Meeting Summary
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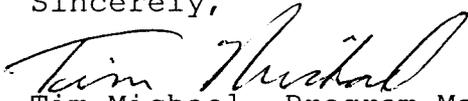
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8. What is currently known about off-site contamination, and what is the associated risk?
9. What are the associated ecological risks?
10. What is the risk of deferring clean-up?
11. What are the health and future economic risks associated with possible ground water contamination?
12. Can the NMED participate in a public forum on risk assessment as it pertains to public interest and public policy of the State of New Mexico?

Because of the broad nature and complexity of these issues, we are not be able to answer all of these questions at this time. However, the DOE Oversight Bureau is interested in working with the CAB to achieve a better understanding of these issues. We look forward to working with you to focus the questions so that specific discussions on these issues can be conducted.

Staff members from the DOE Oversight Bureau would be pleased to present either to a CAB committee or to the full CAB, our knowledge of releases from the Laboratory boundaries. At your convenience, I would be pleased to discuss the specifics of when we could make such a presentation, with you or with other CAB members.

Sincerely,



Tim Michael, Program Manger
Technical Support

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attachments: Copy of Hank Daneman's meeting notes
Agenda for March 11 CAB Meeting

cc: Ann Dubois, Chairman LANL CAB
John Parker, Chief DOE OB
Stu Dinwiddie, Program Manager, HRMB
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March 11, 1997

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| I. | Call to Order | | |
| | A. Welcome and Roll Call | | Suggested Time |
| | B. Approval of Agenda | | 3 Minutes |
| | C. Approval of January 28 and February 11 minutes | | 3 Minutes |
| | D. Report from DOE on recommendations | Herman Le-Doux | 2 Minutes |
| | • University of California Contract | | 5 Minutes |
| | • Search for New LANL Director | | |
| II. | Public Comments | | 20 Minutes |
| III. | Break | | |
| IV. | Reports to the Board | | |
| | A. Ken Silver, Boston University School of Public Health
Environmental Health Research on Communities Surrounding
DOE Hazardous Waste Sites | | 30 Minutes |
| | B. Stu Dinwiddie of the NM Environment Department
Contaminated sites and releases from LANL. | | 30 Minutes |
| V. | Board Planning | | |
| | A. Review of suggestions from the February 27 meeting | | 10 Minutes |
| | B. Review of FY97 Budget | | 10 Minutes |
| | C. Proposed Work Plan for FY97 and Tom Todd's memo | | 10 Minutes |
| | D. Bylaw Amendments | | 10 Minutes |
| | E. Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Assignments | | 10 Minutes |
| | F. Election/Selection of Chairpersons and Members | | 10 Minutes |
| | G. Protocol Draft #2 | | 5 Minutes |
| | H. Agenda for April 8 meeting | | 5 Minutes |
| VI. | Adjourn | | |

Tim:

Copied below is my memo on our visit. Please review this with whomever might be involved and let me know when to expect a response. I look forward to your attendance at the March 11th meeting and hope you and/or Stu Dinwiddie can address the CAB on off-site contamination.

Hank Daneman

Visit with DOE Oversight Bureau - February 26, 1997

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What is the role of the NMED on Risk Assessment?

Can the NMED bring in a Risk Assessment expert to establish a methodology for RA which is in line with current standards and acceptable to the EPA and DOE?

Having agreed on a methodology -

surface
assess the risks of
will the NMED review what is currently known about
contamination off-site (site characterization) and
deferring cleanup?

and/or
described?
will the NMED review the PEIS and comment on the safety
ecological risks anticipated in the processes as

Can the NMED participate in a public forum on Risk Assessment as it pertains to public interest and public policy of the State of New Mexico?

Hank Daneman

References: Colorado State Department of Public Health
reports

Program for Sandia CAB of March 15th

Program for RAC course
ASTM material

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