

1.0 Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Last Meeting Summary

1.1 *The meeting was opened* by Mr. Jon Ware, PMACWA, with a welcome and introductions. The core members reviewed and approved the 12 December 2002 core member's conference call meeting summary.

1.2 *The purpose of the Kentucky Environmental WIPT* is to expedite the permitting process for the destruction of the chemical weapons currently stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The meetings are primarily for the core members to exchange pertinent information and provide updates on activities and current issues. These meetings are always open to the public and at the end of each issue discussion, the public is offered opportunity to ask questions or make comments. During the permitting process, the WIPT core membership can change. A conference call of the core members was held on 12 December 2002 to discuss the status of major issues/actions and to schedule the next full WIPT meeting. WIPT meetings are typically held bi-monthly and are advertised in local newspapers. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA).***

2.0 ACWA Record of Decision (ROD) and Other NEPA Issues

2.1 *The ACWA Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* was distributed in April 2002. The Site-Specific EIS for the Blue Grass Army Depot was distributed on 27 December 2002. The Record of Decision (ROD) and other decision documents are currently in the Pentagon being processed for approval and signatures and the earliest the ROD will be finalized is 27 January 2003. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA and Drew Lyle, PMCD).***

2.2 *Supplemental EIS documentation* has been recommended by the Army legal office for the site-specific EIS, with subsequent RODs. Possible documentation will be an EIS, Environmental Assessment (EA), or a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC). These supplemental documents will be issued in a phased approach for the infrastructure projects and other projects not included in the original EIS. The supplemental EIS documents will also include any Army projects outside the facility, such as access roads, warehouses, laundry, vehicle storage facilities, etc. The Army legal office will identify the projects to be included in the supplemental documentation. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA, and Joe Elliott, BGAD).***

2.3 *Information on the Running Buffalo Clover* will be submitted to PMACWA by the Fish and Wildlife Agency in the near future. A survey of the Running Buffalo Clover will be conducted in May 2003. The results of this survey will determine what supplemental EIS documentation is required for this issue. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA, Drew Lyle, PMCD, and Joe Elliott, Blue Grass Depot).***

3.0 Infrastructure Projects (As reported by Joe Elliott, Blue Grass Army Depot).

Blue Grass Infrastructure Projects			
Project	Status	Issues/Comments	Scheduled Completion Date
Entry port	Completed		
Communication Line	In progress	Additional funding next year to complete	
Laundry Upgrade	Constructing new building		
Warehouse for G&E Parts		This building will be located 1 mile from demil facility	
Vehicle Storage Facility			
Wastewater Treatment Facility		The line for this goes up to the facility, but should not affect the permitting activities	
Gas Line to Site	Will begin in 2003		
Access Road	To begin late in 2002		
Security Upgrades	Will begin fall of 2003	This includes the guard shack and the chemical limited area road . An EA was completed on this by ORISE.	

4.0 Acquisition

4.1 *The acquisition activities* are tied to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; specifically, the Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM) and ROD. These documents authorize acquisition to move toward the award of a contract for the design, construction, operation, and closure of the facility. Once these documents are approved and signed, the Request for Proposals (RFP) to commercial industry will be released. It is anticipated this will occur in late January 2003. Once the RFP is released, there is a 50-day response window, which will require all proposals to be submitted by 31 March 2003. When the proposals are received, they will be reviewed and evaluated with the

contract award date scheduled for June 2003. Once the contract is awarded, the initial step to finish the design will begin. The agency-preferred alternative is neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation and it is not anticipated that the technology decision will change in the ROD. As stated in recent legislation, if an alternative technology is selected, PMACWA will have management responsibility for the initial pilot plant and full-scale operations. **(As reported by Jim Richmond, PMACWA).**

4.2 *The Systems Contractor (SC)* will develop the design/build plan once they are on board. The permit application process, which will have multiple signatories, will also begin with the SC. The signatories will include PMACWA, BGAD, and the SC. All parties are involved throughout the permitting process. **(As reported by Jim Richmond, PMACWA and Drew Lyle, PMCD).**

5.0 Acceleration Options

5.1 *The Defense Acquisition Executive (DAE)* has requested that acceleration options be explored. Possible areas identified include acquisition, permitting, construction, and operations. Acceleration for the operations window is limited by the relatively short period of time required for the demilitarization of the various weapons located at Blue Grass. Construction, which is currently scheduled to last 3 – 4 years, may offer more opportunity for acceleration options. The SC will explore ways to accelerate this.

The permitting process also offers several options for acceleration, such as an RD&D permit and a phased approach as the project moves forward. Issues with accelerating the permitting process include the quality of the applications and public concerns and comment periods.

A schedule/critical path diagram will be distributed to the WIPT at the next meeting. This information will be based on general information and include milestones, windows, etc. A more substantive and realistic schedule will be developed by the SC. **(As reported by Jim Richmond).**

5.2 *Accelerating the permitting process* can save time with the construction phase, since this can continue while the RCRA permit is being worked. A phased permitting approach is being considered for the program. Possibilities being explored are to implement the phased RD&D permits during construction, systemization and pilot testing (which may include only one agent). A RCRA Part B permit would then be used to destroy the remaining stockpile and for facility closure. This phased approach will allow ample opportunity for public comment and input. The permitting process may take longer in some respects, since permits are required, but overall the schedule can benefit since construction can be concurrent to this permitting process.

There are certain peripheral projects, which will continue. However, projects inside the footprint will require a permit. The State requests a proposal and justification for any projects inside the footprint, which PMACWA and the SC think must be completed to

adhere to the schedule. These requests will be reviewed and a plan agreed upon, especially those projects located outside the fence. The State is willing to work with PMACWA as much as possible to ensure this process is accelerated. EPA is in agreement with the State's approach and will work out the details as necessary. ***(As reported by Ralph Collins, KDEP).***

6.0 Status of CSEPP

The State of Kentucky has a statute on chemical weapons, which requires milestones in the permitting process in concert with planning and implementation for CSEPP. Until the KY Emergency Management Agency (KYEMA) has reviewed and approved the County Draft CSEPP plans, the State cannot review any permit applications. KYEMA must approve the final plans before a permit can be issued and then determine if the plans have been implemented. Additionally, certain aspects of the plans will be tested annually. If any deficiencies are noted in the plans, construction can continue, but no operations can begin until all deficiencies are corrected.

At this time, the required assessments of the county CSEPP Plans have been completed by KYEMA and the required public meetings have been conducted in all counties except Madison. Some deficiencies have been noted and these will be addressed once all plans have been reviewed. The plans will be approved or disapproved based on the status of the deficiencies, which should be corrected within several months. It is not anticipated that the CSEPP review will delay the facility schedule, since the permitting plan may be a phased approach. These plans, which are still in draft form and have not been approved, can be viewed on the following website <http://www.kyem.dma.state.ky.us>. ***(As reported by Ralph Collins, KDEP, and Bill Hilling, KY Emergency Management).***

7.0 New Issues (Secondary Waste, Contaminated Pallets, TSCA)

7.1 *A Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF) survey* was recently distributed to facilities that could handle the secondary waste and responses are due within 60 days. When this report is prepared, it will be presented to the WIPT. An Environmental Assessment (EA) may be required for any offsite shipment of secondary waste. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA).***

7.2 *Delisting* cannot be conducted until the design is complete, however information will be collected on waste codes for economic and liability benefits. If there are no RCRA waste codes, the waste can be delisted. ACWA will work with the state and EPA on these and other hazardous waste issues. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA).***

7.3 *The agent-contaminated pallets* may be designated for onsite storage until they can be properly disposed of. Onsite storage will only allow them to be stored up to 90 days without a permit. The igloos are currently listed as continued storage and the pallets may fall under the same category. The state will look at this issue and identify

the proper course of action. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA; Joe Elliott, BGAD; and Ralph Collins, KDEP).***

7.4 *The final destination of the firing tubes* was questioned. This item falls under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The firing tubes can be disposed of in a TSCA landfill. ACWA will submit a proposal to the State and EPA on how to handle the firing tubes (this was not covered in the ACWA EIS). The SC will address this issue when they develop the final process design. ***(As reported by Jon Ware, PMACWA).***

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

Item	Responsible Person(s)	Notes	Status
Item 2	PMCD PMACWA Horne Engineering	Compile PMCD and PMACWA milestone schedules for Blue Grass into one master schedule for the KY WIPT.	In progress
Item 3	Dave Easter	Launch site for public access to WIPT meeting information.	In progress
Item 4	Ralph Collins	Request that the agency brief the KY WIPT after their public meetings on the Emergency Plan.	Ongoing
Item 5	Ralph Collins	Provide a copy to KY WIPT when it becomes available. Fayette and Madison Counties have not submitted their plan.	See website for information: http://www.kyem.dma.state.ky.us
Item 6	Ralph Collins	Provide copies, when available, to Citizens Advisory Commission and Chemical Weapons Working Group.	Ongoing
Item 12	Horne Engineering	Standardize format for meeting room; Provide more seating for citizens, and a podium with microphone.	Closed
Item 16	All	Provide comments on acronym list to Kimberly Collins.	Closed
Item 17	Joe Elliott	Provide an updated list of infrastructure projects to Ralph Collins, KDEP, to determine which items require a permit.	Ongoing

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Item	Responsible Person(s)	Notes	Status
Item 18	Jon Ware	Identify issues and requirements for additional EIS documentation and/or multiple RODs.	Ongoing
Item 19	Jim Richmond		In progress
Item 20	Jon Ware		In progress
Item 21	Jim Richmond	This will be top level items only. A more detailed and realistic schedule will be completed by the SC when they are on board.	In progress
Item 21	Jon Ware	This information will be provided once the SC is on board.	In progress
Item 22	Jon Ware		In progress
Item 23	Ralph Collins	This will include options for onsite storage until they can be disposed of.	In progress
Item 24	Jon Ware	This issue may not be addressed until the SC is on board.	In progress

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