Reset of U.S. Nuclear Waste Strategy and Policy

Meeting #3: Designing a Consent-Based Siting Process
March 9-10, 2016

Wednesday, March 9th (chair: Rod Ewing)

9:00 am   Welcome – Professor Rod Ewing – Framework of the Meeting
9:30 am   U.S. and International Experience with Consent-Based Siting

United States Strategy and Experience

- John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Nuclear Energy DOE and Former Staff Director, Blue Ribbon Commission of America’s Nuclear Future
- John Heaton, Carlsbad Department of Development, NM
- Don Hancock, Southwest Research Center, NM
- Cash Jaszczak, Nye County, NV

Group discussion

12:00 pm   Lunch
1:00 pm   International Experience

- Timo Äikäs (Finland) – Former Vice-President, Posiva (video-chat)
- Claude Birraux (France) – Former Member, French Parliament
- Saida Engström (Sweden) – Vice-President, SKB
- Bruce Cairns (United Kingdom) Head of Geologic Disposal, Department of Energy and Climate Change
- Kathryn Shaver (Canada) – Vice President, APM Engagement and Site Selection, Nuclear Waste Management Organization

3:30 pm   Group Discussion: Key Points and Issues from the Discussion
4:30 pm   Wine and Cheese Reception with CISAC Faculty, Fellows & Staff
7:00 pm   Small Group Dinners (Please email to sign-up)
Thursday, March 10th

9:00 am  Welcome  Professor Rod Ewing

9:15 am  Prerequisites for an Effective Consent-Based Siting Process in the U.S.  
(Chair: Kathryn Shaver)

Review of and key factors in the U.S. and international programs
  • Daniel Metlay – Presentation of the NWTRB Siting Report

Managing Consent in Two Nations
  • Geoffrey Fettus, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council
  • Ingvar Persson, Legal Adviser, Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste

Maintaining Public Trust and Confidence over Decades
  • Ken Niles, Assistant Director for Nuclear Safety, Oregon Department of Energy
  • Devon Owl Boyer, Shoshone Bannock Tribal Council, Idaho
  • Tom Clements, Director Savannah River Site Watch

11:00 am  Critical Issues in Consent-Based Siting – Part I  
(moderator: Mark Peters)

Panel Discussion: Bottom-Up or Top-Down: What does the public want?  
  John Heaton, Don Hancock, Devon Owl Boyer, Tom Clements, Talia Martin

12:30 pm  Lunch

1:30 pm  Critical Issues in Consent-Based Siting - Part II  
(moderator: Saida Engström)

Panel Discussion: Who Consents and How?  
  Russell Jim, Geoff Fettus, Cash Jaszcak, Ken Niles

Panel Discussion: Withdrawing Consent: When and Under What Circumstances?  
  Geoff Fettus, Kathryn Shaver, John Heaton, Saida Engström

4:00 pm  What are the next steps in establishing a consent-based process?  
(moderator: Rod Ewing)

5:00 pm  Adjourn

7:00 pm  Dinner for Speakers and Steering Committee Members