### WIEB High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee

**Fall Meeting:** Wednesday December 14, 2016  
**Phoenix (AZ), Hyatt Regency Hotel (122 N. Second Street), Curtis Conference Room**  
**Draft Agenda (Dec. 08, 2016)**

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| **6:00 PM** | Informal group dinner: Canyon Café, 455 N. 3rd St.  
(2 blocks from Hyatt Regency; all presenters and attendees invited) |

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| **8:15 AM** | Honoring Aubrey Godwin, long-time HLRW Committee member:  
Rich Baker, AZ ARRA |

#### The U.S. Nuclear Waste Program: 2017 Prospects & Potentials

| **8:30 AM** | Mike McBride: VanNess Feldman; former BRC outside council (probable)  
Bob Halstead (NV NWPO)  
**Attachments:**  
- Halstead: [Getting Beyond Yucca Mountain](#)  
- WIEB staff: “Late 2016: Assumptions and Questions”  
- News-clips: [Reviving the Yucca Nuke Waste Dump….and Obstacles](#)  
- DOE briefing paper to new Administration |

| **10:00 AM** | Erica Bickford: DOE Office of Integrated Waste Management  
Program Update (including CBS)  
**Attachments:**  
- Integrated Waste Management Program Update  
- WIEB staff: “Taking inventory of FY’16 & ’17 initiatives”  
- DOE’s FY’17 Budget Request: Spent Fuel & Waste Disposition |

| **10:45 AM** | Break |

#### Consent-Based Siting: Observations and Perspectives

| **11:00 AM** | Jen Richter: ASU, School of Social Transformation; CBS Panelist in Tempe  
How nuclear waste policies affect small communities in America’s nuclear corridor  
**Attachment:**  
- JR remarks at the Tempe CBS meeting, June 2016 |

| **11:30 AM** | Don Hancock: SW Research & Information Center; CBS Panelist in Denver  
Elaboration on perspectives provided in Denver + discussion  
**Attachment:**  
- Nuclear waste consent & non-consent, Dec 2016  
- DH remarks at the Denver CBS meeting, May 2016 |

| **12:00 noon** | Lunch on your own |
**Repository Siting Process**

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| 1:15 PM| Dan Metlay: NWTRB (Social Science) | Designing a Process for Selecting a Site for a Repository for HLRW & SNF: Technical Suitability & Social Acceptability Filters (Nov. 2015) | **Attachment:**  
  - Designing a process for siting a repository  
  - Executive Summary |
| 2:00 PM| Doug Ammerman: Sandia National Lab. | Cask testing & confidence in cask performance                         | **Attachment:**  
  - Testing and certification for SNF transportation containers |
| 2:45 PM|                                 | Break                                                                 |                                                                         |
| 3:00 PM| Doug Ammerman: Sandia National Lab. (cont.) | Wrap-Up                                                               |                                                                         |
| 3:45 PM|                                 | WIEB HLRW Committee Roundtable & Discussion                          | • HLRW Committee members & other attendees                               |
| 4:45 PM|                                 | Adjourn                                                               |                                                                         |

**Notes:**

Aubrey Godwin  
Until his recent retirement, Aubrey was Director of Arizona’s Radiological Regulatory Agency. He was also a long-time member of the WIEB HLRW. He is a charming guy, well-remembered by many of us. In Phoenix, we want to take the opportunity to wish him well and thank him for his long service.

Mike McBride  
In five recent HLRW Committee meetings, Mike has provided a lead-off discussion of the high-level waste program from a “DC” perspective—the Congress, the Administration, the federal district court. By December 14, we will know more about a new Administration, and a newly reformulated Senate and House………plenty of gist for Mike’s mill. Mike was outside counsel for the Blue Ribbon Commission, and moderated the recent Bipartisan Policy Center’s September 27 event on consent-based siting. A contingency is that his NYC court case could extend to Dec. 14. Otherwise, Mike will be there.

NFST on Consent-based siting  
Consent-based siting was the major 2016 focus of DOE-NFST, with eight public meetings (four in the West), and a September 15 Draft Summary Report. A DOE-NFST representative (not-yet specified) will provide an overview of the findings so far and intended next steps.

Jen Richter & Don Hancock  
Both Don and Jen were panelists at CBS public meetings, in Denver and Tempe. I’ve asked them to elaborate on the points made in their (time-limited) CBS presentations, and to reflect on (from their differing perspectives) the challenges and the implications for SNF transportation.

Dan Metlay  
Dan is the lead author of the NWTRB’s November 2015 report on “Designing a Process for Selecting a Site for a Repository for HLW & SNF”. Focusing on the program’s main purpose (disposition-disposal), the report considers both technical suitability and social acceptability. I’ve asked Dan to address the role of transportation in this mix.

The DOE-NFST Program  
During 2016, consent-based siting has been a major DOE-NFST initiative, one which the agency hopes to extend into FY’17 and beyond. Its FY’17 budget is tied up in a continuing resolution, which should be more
clearly resolved by Dec. 14. Also, the agency will be operating in FY’17 in a newly-elected administration. I’ve asked Melissa or Erica to lay out the prospects going forward, and to discuss the evolving role of WIEB and other SRGs.

Doug Ammerman
Doug is the Sandia National Lab expert on cask-testing, and was one of the two presenters at the well-received session on this topic at the recent NTSF meeting in Orlando. I’ve asked him to review his Orlando material for our committee, and to consider how the results of a particular test re a particular cask may or may not apply to a somewhat different test re another of the 15 different cask types now in prospect.

Independent Feedback
We last collected systematic feedback from the Committee in November 2013. A provision in the Cooperative Agreement Extension prompts us to do it again. The results should be a good topic for full committee discussion…..if I can design the inquiry and review & summarize your responses. I’ll try.