

VT NDCAP
FEDERAL NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY COMMITTEE
COMPILATION OF MEMOS / MEETING NOTES STARTING JANUARY 2021

PANEL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMITTEE:

Lissa Weinmann, convenes
Sara Coffey
Corey Daniels
Emily Davis
Marvin Resnikoff
Maddy Arms

Tony Leshinskie (State Nuclear Engineer)

MEMO COREY DANIELS SENT JUST AFTER COMMITTEE WAS FORMED:

Lissa/all,

Thought I'd start with a few links to sites/info I had compiled. (attached) **NOTE: please find Corey's reading in file shared with group.**

I have much more, but this is not a bad introduction. I was also thinking about the last sub-committee meeting and some of the exchanges, questions, and comments offered in the past couple NDCAP meetings-- discussing VY decom status of SNF storage, GTCC, and intentions related intentions. I would offer a general observation and reminder that while some of the information we receive are facts, much more of it is often opinion. It has also been my experience that when discussing a polarizing topic, fear is often a powerful motivator than can degrade trust and decision making. As a fellow panel member working collaborative on this sub-committee I would ask my peers to consider:

1. That when we are providing input, that we try to remain fact based with our efforts.
2. That when we receive input, we carefully consider and remain cognizant of which are facts and which are opinions.
3. That any outputs or advisory opinions the Panel may choose to develop (or modify) are carefully done by reaching consensus in the manner the guidance our Charter provides for, as this will better serve the public and impacted stakeholders.

Recognizing I am often on the "answer end" of such exchanges as the licensee and decommissioning entity representative for NorthStar VY information, I offer this insight with only a sincere and continued commitment for full transparency and a genuine desire to help educate all those interested with whatever insights, technical background, and historical perspective I possess.

Emily Davis notes on meeting organization:

1. Policies regarding public participation:

- How to manage the public comment, to a strict standard. can comments come through via an email address?
 - psd.ndcap@vermont.gov
 - can use this address for people to submit their comments

- Hope to meet for 1-hr each month
- Google Drive folder for document gathering - does this conform to the requirements? (Unsure, no strict requirement. we may need to create a webpage specifically for this committee).
 - Task: Create a webpage devoted to the committee's work.
- This is effectively a "special meeting." Meeting needs to be noticed at least 24-hrs in advance.
- Want to get a press release out; June will need to approve that.

2. Broader intent of the committee. What we hope to accomplish in the subcommittee:

- Can we achieve a consensus, as a panel, on the federal nuclear waste policy? How can we serve the community best?
- Need to forge an understanding of a way forward. Guide the education of all panel members. Can the subcommittee steward the educational efforts of the larger panel.
- Question: Can the panel take a national position?
 - The panel can decide. If the panel decides to take up an issue, there is nothing stopping it. There may be subsequent direction from the legislature later.
 - If there is a state policy, it is just to get the waste out of Vermont as quickly as possible?
 - Where the Panel should go? What the Panel should look at?
 - Tony' recommendations: try to keep the ideas focused on Vermont's conditions (i.e., are there specific transportation concerns? first response?)