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Subject: Memo regarding Quarterly Meeting

Hi all, This memo relates to the next Quarterly meeting.

Thank you.

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Memo to Lee Gordon and Moira Maloney

From Anne Rabe, Center for Health, Environment and Justice; Brian Smith, Citizens Campaign for the Environment; Barbara Warren, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Joanne Hameister, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes, Kathy Boser, Concerned Citizens of Cattaraugus County, Diane D'Arrigo, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Linda Schneekloth, Sierra Club Niagara Chapter

cc. Bryan Bower, Paul Bembia, Bill Logue and Lynette Bennett

Re: May 2012 Quarterly Meeting

We are writing to renew our requests from the last quarterly meeting so we can have a meaningful public discussion. We do not believe that all of this can be handled well in the brief time usually allocated to these meetings. We recommend re-evaluating the length of quarterly meetings beginning with the May meeting. Unaddressed issues and questions have also accumulated since we began asking for more substantive meetings. At this time we are open to meeting during the day on May 23rd prior to the evening quarterly meeting to address more technical or complicated issues and clear them from the agenda, if this is feasible.

Thank you for your attention.

I Comprehensive Overview of Work for the next year

The Public desperately needs a Comprehensive Overview of the Work that will be done over the next year- a bird's eye view if that describes it better. If the Agencies find it easier to discuss a different time period say 18 months or 2 years, that is OK also, but a year is the minimum time period we should hear about.

Within that overview, we need to understand Physical Site Work, Planning and Preparation Work as well as Phase I study activity.

Within each of these areas there should be some reasonable categories that help to organize the types of work being done. Below are examples of possible categories.

For example: Under Physical site Work you likely will have-

Waste packaging and disposition

Site Sampling and Site Characterization

And Other categories

Under Planning & Preparation Work

Various Work Plans & Dates when they are due

These could then be presented to the public

Such organization is helpful in understanding the general direction of the project and the timeline for completion. We would like to know for example when the Interim End State will be finished and Phase I work actually will begin. The contractors contributing to each work area can also be identified.

The current practice is to list a bunch of activities that have been done recently. This does not tell us anything about how much more needs to be done of that activity or when it will be completed. At the same time individual steps are lumped alongside more complex activities with multiple diverse steps. We are asking for more organization.

II Site Characterization under the Characterization, Sampling and Analysis Plan and Other Environmental Monitoring

We need a thorough discussion of this and when this activity will begin. Some key issues need more public discussion.

III Public Recommendations:

Additional Phase I Studies

Webinars

Discussion of these recommendations

IV Outstanding Questions & Issues:

The Need for More Time at Quarterly meetings to cover all the Needed Public Information

Clarification regarding Issues Raised in CTF Meetings or Previous Quarterly Meetings

March 28th Meeting could not be heard and Meeting Summary raised lots of Questions

NESHAP from last Quarterly meeting needs more discussion

Questions regarding contractor work

Status of Planning for Climate Change Meeting