

UTILITY RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2016

Ms. Sima Merick, Executive Director of Ohio Emergency Management Agency called the Utility Radiological Safety Board (URSB) Statutory Board meeting to order at 1:29 PM on October 11, 2016 which was held at Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

The first order of business from the agenda was the roll call taken by Cynthia Gossard, URSB board secretary.

I. ROLL CALL (Board Members)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Ohio EMA)
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (ODH)
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OEPA)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ODA)
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUCO)
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (ODOC)
A quorum was declared.

SIMA MERICK - Present
MICHAEL SNEE - Present
MARCUS GLASGOW - Present
TERRI GERHARDT - Present
DANIEL FISHER - Present
JOHN SHARIER- Absent

Other Notable Attendees:

Ms. Angela Sullivan, Attorney General’s Office (OAG)
Mr. Sean Zalesny, First Energy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC)
Allan Barker, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) - by teleconference

The assumption is that FEMA is not here due to hurricane “Matthew”.

II. READING OF THE July 11, 2016 MINUTES (ADOPTED)

The board was provided a few minutes to review the July 11th minutes followed by Ms. Merick asking for a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 URSB minutes. Mr. Snee made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Glasgow seconded the motion. No discussion was needed and a vote to approve the motion and accept the minutes was called, all were in favor, none opposed, and the motion was passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Interagency Radiological Emergency Preparedness Report

Mr. Snee advised that ODH hosted the steering meeting of IREP on September 14th. ODH is working closely with other agencies in radiological preparedness. Currently there are four sub-committees and IREP is looking at adding a fifth sub-committees in the near future.

Attorney General Report on Working Groups

Ms. Sullivan stated that she did not feel comfortable giving legal advice in a public meeting and suggested that they speak privately about the email she sent to Director Merick. It was agreed that Director Merick would review the Information and will call to talk about it for next meeting.

Ohio EPA’s report on US EPA Protective Action Guidelines

Marcus Glasgow sent out request for comment and did not receive any comments back so submitted what was prepared to EPA. They have not made any type of decision. The question was asked if Health had any input in this and Mr. Glasgow said yes the information that was given prior to the report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Member Agency Quarterly Reports

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1. Ohio EMA (Chris Salz's Quarterly report summary)

Chris Salz began by saying that as of the last meeting Mike Bear had left and he has now been hired as his permanent replacement as Chief of the Radiological Branch. Provided list of personnel and training taken since last meeting. Mr. Salz attended the ROSS training but noted there is still no certifications yet, as the program is still a pilot.

2. Ohio Department of Health

Mike Snee reports that in the third quarter ODH participated in one joint inspection observation with NRC. 220 environmental samples were collected and tested. Already talked about IREP and participated in Nuclear Plant exercises. Also participated in Nuclear Planning Advisory committee. Sent a number of people to MIDAS Training.

3. Environmental Protection Agency

At Davis Besse 3 of 7 wells sampled for tritium, most readings too low to report. Next samples will be taken in October. During the August 17 Perry Plant Dry Run the field teams were deployed and drilled. This went fairly well for the field teams. The exercise went well and all open items from the Beaver Valley exercise were resolved.

During August and September planning proceeded for the October 4 sampling drill which refreshed the Radiological Assessment Team on their procedures. Procedures will be drafted reflecting the lessons learned from this drill. Mr. Salz asked if everything was cleared up at Davis Besse and the response was that three of the five are still issues.

4. Ohio Department of Agriculture

Ms. Gerhardt stated that they did participate in the October 4th exercise.

5. Public Utilities Commission

Listed under "Other New Business" but will mention now the New Chairman that has been in office for about two months now – Asin Haque, (pronounced Hawk) and that he is very interested in what goes on.

6. Department of Commerce

Absent

B. Other New Business

1. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NRC: Allan Barker tried to give the Nuclear Regulatory Commission report by phone but the teleconference line was not useable. He will sent report in to be posted.

FENOC:

Mr. Sean Zalesny, First Energy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) will be covered in this section. A complete copy of his notes is available by contacting the URSB secretary 614-889-7150.

Beaver Valley Power Station:

On Sept. 24, 2016 Beaver Valley Unit 1 began a refueling outage. A safe and event free shutdown with approximately 1200 supplemental workers on site. BV expects to return to operation on Oct. 20, 2016.

Davis Besse Power Plant:

Ground Water Tritium Update:

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- Sample results for July all show decreasing trends across the site.
- With the exception of one well, all wells are decreasing including the highest well from the July data.
- Based on the sample trend, DB is currently performing quarterly sampling. Next samples will be collected later in October.
- Quarterly sampling will continue until two consecutive samples are obtained with values less than 2000pCi/L.

Perry Nuclear Power Plant:

The Perry Nuclear Power Plant Evaluated Exercise was conducted on Sept. 13, 2016 with eight performance indicator opportunities scheduled and eight were completed satisfactorily. Forty-nine of the Fifty-five drill and exercise objectives were met satisfactorily, four were met with comments, four were evaluated as not-met, and two were not demonstrated. Overall, Exercise performance by the Emergency Response Organization was satisfactory, performance by Offsite Response Organizations was very good and a comprehensive and self-critical critique resulted in a very successful 2016 Evaluated Exercise.

FENOC Fleet: nothing specific right now, but open to questions.

Mr. Snee asked about the evacuation of a two mile radius during the Perry Exercise, there was confusion and didn't understand why. Maybe if it happens again there should be a phone call from the plant with more communication to help solve the confusion.

Mr. Salz mentioned that it was talked about.

2014 NEI developed a document to coordinate how the process ran for protective action recommendations.

P Hill: You had contra-indication that you were at rapid decent, with things improving from the last official communication, therefore didn't match.

It was suggested that we all go back together and review process so all are on the same process.

Perry's new EALs are approved and will be implemented beginning 2017.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Merick reminded the board that the URSB Annual Report was in front of them and had been emailed out for review. She then entertained a motion to approve. Terri Gerhardt made a motion, seconded by Marcus Glasgow. No discussion was needed and all approved.

Questions from the public presented to the board

- There were none.

There was a question on the meeting dates for next year. Monday, Jan. 9, April 10, July 10 and Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Terri Gerhardt made the motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.