

NUCLEAR ENERGY INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION ACT LOCAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

BACKGROUND:

As described in Section 108 of S.512, the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act, issued on January 14, 2019, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is required to prepare a report to the Congress identifying best practices with respect to the establishment and operation of local community advisory boards, including lessons learned from any such board. The boards are intended to foster communication and information exchange between licensees planning for, and involved in, decommissioning activities and members of the community that decommissioning activities may affect. In an effort to compile this information, the NRC is soliciting your input.

Note: This questionnaire is available online at: <https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-local-comm-advisory-board-questionnaire.html>

QUESTIONNAIRE:¹

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Is this feedback associated with a particular site? If so, which site?

Questions applicable to sites where a local community advisory board (CAB) has been established. Please respond to the questions as applicable.

1) Why was the local CAB established?

SCE wanted to get the community engaged and informed

2) How and when was the local CAB established? Is there a charter for the CAB?

March 2014 ~~there~~ are rules for each meeting - how it will be run

3) What is the historical and current frequency of the CAB meetings?

Quarterly

4) What is the historical and current composition of the local CAB?

*Elected Officials - unions - Environmental represent
OC Sheriffs - state Parks commissioner
Needs to be elected officials !!!*

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- 5) What is the selection process for board members? Has this changed over the lifetime of the CAB? SCE selects the members - mayors change so the participants change - Camp Pendleton has a representative - some people retire and a new person fills the category
- 6) What are the terms of board members?
There are no term limits

- 7) Are there any specific rules or protocols followed by the CAB (e.g., Robert's Rules of Order)?
Yes. The agenda is set and shown on a video camera for the audience. The community is given over an hour with 3 minutes each to express their ideas.

- 8) Are there any specific logistics required to support the board's meetings and other routine activities? For example, are meetings transcribed, or close captioned, and/or is there audio/visual support for presentations at meetings?
All of the above. And the minutes are posted on the SCE utility's website.

- 9) Who sponsors (funds) the CAB expenses? What kinds of activities are included in the CAB budget (e.g., transcription service, audio/visual support, meeting venues, meals and per diem for CAB members)?
The utility - yes

- 10) What topics have been (or could be) brought before a local CAB? What other topics could be useful to stakeholders' understanding of the decommissioning process?

All topics about the utility - the nuclear plant and the spent fuel are topics with experts brought in to present the information as clearly as possible to the public

- 11) How is the board's input used to inform the decision-making processes of stakeholders for various decommissioning activities?

The board asks questions and gets answers but does not have any decision-making process. They bring in experts and ask questions

- 12) What interactions does the local CAB have with the NRC and other Federal regulatory bodies (to support the board members' overall understanding of the decommissioning process and promote dialogue between the affected stakeholders and the licensee involved in decommissioning activities)?

The NRC is invited to meetings to bring information to the public. They explain their role in oversight.

13) How does the local CAB offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process?

Quarterly Meeting.

14) In general, what are the advantages of having a local CAB?

Many changes have taken place since 2014. SCE has listened to public concern and improved the ISFSI, the monitoring of radiation.

15) In general, what are the disadvantages of having a local CAB?

None.

16) Please share any best practices or other lessons learned related to having a local CAB.

1) Independence 2) Diversity of members 3) We invite our own experts 4) Created by the licensee who answers our questions and gets experts to talk to us - DOE-NRC etc. 5) Build a bridge based upon fact

Questions applicable to sites where a local community advisory board (CAB) has not been established. Please respond to the questions as applicable.

1) Has the licensee or State ever considered the establishment of a local CAB? When was it considered? _____

2) What are the reasons for not establishing a local CAB?

3) How does the licensee or State provide opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process?

4) In general, what are the advantages of not having a local CAB?

5) In general, what are the disadvantages of not having a local CAB?
