Community Engagement
In The
Decommissioning Process

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Community Engagement Panel (CEP)

Make Up
• 18 Members
  • Public Officials, NGO's, Labor, Business, Environmental, Native American
• Quarterly Meetings
• Workshops
• Expert Presentations
• Not a Formal Decision Making Body
• No Official Oversight Function
• SCE provides resources for meetings

Functions as a Two-Way Conduit
• Provides for SCE to learn about the concerns of the Community
• Provides for Community to learn about the impact of the decommissioning process
Public CEP Meetings

- Update From Edison With Timeline
- Expert Presentation
- Questions and Dialogue with CEP Members
- Public Comment and Question Period
- Questions Directed to Expert or SCE
- Currently trying to revamp public comment
Planned Future State
A Surprise For Many!

Today

Late 2020's
Public Concerns

- Safety
- Removal of the spent fuel
- Integrity of Canisters (Corrosion, seismic, sea level rise, possible terrorist attack)
- Radiation Monitoring
- Environmental (e.g., Disposition of the Offshore Conduits)
- Preparedness for first responders
- Jobs
- Cost
Preparing for ISFSI-only status: Defense In Depth

- Regular monitoring (and what is learned from monitoring)
- Inspection of canisters
- Test canister
- Dealing with potential worst case scenarios
Expect the Unexpected

- At the August 9\textsuperscript{th} CEP Meeting, a safety worker described an loading incident that took.
- A spent fuel canister got caught on an inner guide ring during lowering.
- The incident has led to a NRC investigation.
- Transfer of spent fuel was halted.
Current Status At SONGS

• Transfer of spent fuel has been temporarily halted.
• NRC investigation underway. Awaiting NRC’s findings and recommendations.
• NRC will hold a public meeting to disclose their findings.
• It is anticipated that upon implementation of NRC’s and SCE’s recommendations, transfer of spent fuel will resume.
Community Struggles With: Who To Trust?

- Utility – SCE?
- Government – NRC?
- NGO's – Union of Concerned Scientists?
- Outside Experts?
- Trust but verify!
Trust Moves At the Speed of Collaboration

• You believe in the party's competency

• You believe their decisions have your best interests at heart

• They listen and hear: Intense, widespread, and continuing dialogue with citizens, affected parties and decision makers - This does not necessarily mean agreement

• Tackle challenges head on

• Process is important

• Commitment to transparency
Lessons Learned

• Make sure that the Panel, early and often, does practical things that add value
• Take the necessary time – go slow in order to go fast.
• Assign importance to the societal considerations – as well as the technical ones
• There are many ways to effectively engage the public and key stakeholders – overcommunicate
• Listening, respecting, and then responding can build trust and even advocacy, particularly in the local community
• Plan carefully and involve the right experts
• Be prepared to respond in real time to unexpected events
• Promise, then deliver, then do it again and again
• Be prepared for some “fake news"