
Independent Review Panel

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Gideon Kracov, J.D., *Chair*
Mike Vizzier, *Vice Chair*
Dr. Arezoo Campbell, *Member*



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Independent Review Panel Meeting Minutes April 6, 2016

Chair Gideon Kracov called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. in the conference room of the Kettleman Hills Facility, 35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman City, CA.

Panel members present: Chair Kracov, Vice Chair Mike Vizzier, and Member Arezoo Campbell. A quorum was declared.

Chair Kracov introduced himself and asked everyone present to introduce himself or herself.

Cecilio Barrera and Bob Henry of Waste Management Inc. gave a presentation on the Kettleman Hills Facility. A Power Point version of the presentation is available on the Documents and Communications Submitted by the Public page of the IRP website at <https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/ReviewPanel/SubmittedDocs.cfm>.

Panel members next asked questions about the facility. Mr. Barrera, Mr. Henry, and the following facility representatives answered their questions: Paul Turek, Jim Sook, and Andrea K. Leisy.

Chair Kracov then gave members of the public an opportunity to comment.

Ingrid Brostrom of the Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment said she was not as concerned with the prospect of hazardous waste being trucked to Arizona as she was with the waste currently going to California disposal facilities that are located near disadvantaged communities. She asked how the number of trucks bringing waste to the facility is tracked, and she stated that many of the trucks go through nearby Kettleman City. She also said that Kettleman City gets very little of the money that Kings County receives from Waste Management Inc.

Mr. Henry answered that arriving trucks are monitored from the facility scale house and that the facility knows how many will arrive on any given day, as the vehicles arrive on a schedule and their contents are profiled in advance of their trips. He added that at one time the facility was close to receiving 400 trucks a day, but ever since the facility began running out of landfill space, the number of vehicles arriving has been considerably below the 400 maximum.

Maricela Mares-Alatorre of People for Clean Air and Water said that as a resident of Kettleman City, she doesn't care if hazardous waste is sent out of state rather than to the Kettleman Hills Facility.

At approximately 4 p.m. the meeting participants boarded two Waste Management Inc. vans for a facility tour.

At approximately 5:52 p.m. the meeting participants gathered for a second time in the facility conference room.

Panel members made a few comments about the tour.

Ms. Brostrom suggested that Panel members drive through Kettleman City on their way to Bakersfield for their meeting the following day.

Chair Kracov thanked the Kettleman Hills Facility staff for the presentation and tour.

Motion: Adjourn meeting. Vice Chair Vizzier moved. Panel Member Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Kracov adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

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