

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING 1362

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2:00 p.m., Friday, April 25, 1958

Chinese Room, Harry Lee Hall, Marine Corps School  
Quantico, Virginia

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Present

Lewis L. Strauss  
W. F. Libby  
Harold S. Vance  
John S. Graham  
John F. Floberg

K. E. Fields  
Loren K. Olson

W. B. McCool

Also Present

John G. Adams  
Harry S. Traynor  
James E. Ammons

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COLLECTION AEC Minutes (NNS-324-92-006)  
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1. Opening Prayer

Mr. Strauss suggested that the Commissioners open the meetings at Quantico, Virginia, with a moment of silent prayer, which was done.

2. AEC 777/69 - PRDP - Carolinas-Virginia Nuclear Power Associates Proposal

Mr. Fields briefly reviewed the proposal of the Carolinas-Virginia Nuclear Power Associates for the development and construction of a heavy water moderated and cooled power reactor with an output of approximately 17,000 kilowatts. He commented on the independent companies forming this group and said that in addition to the estimated \$19.0 million to be supplied by them, the Commission was requested to provide assistance estimated at \$11.9 million which would include a waiver of the use charge for the heavy water required.

Mr. Fields observed that this proposal was similar to that of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company and Westinghouse Company proposal. If, after completion of the initial design and development phase of the project, the company unilaterally decided not to construct the reactor, the AEC would be reimbursed for all assistance provided the project.

b. Authorized the General Manager to initiate contract negotiations with the Carolinas-Virginia Nuclear Power Associates and to submit the basis of agreement on key contract terms to the JCAE along with the authorization request or shortly thereafter;

c. Authorized the General Manager to transmit to the Bureau of the Budget and, upon its approval, to the Congress a request that the FY 1958 Authorization Act be amended to provide authorization of additional appropriations needed to carry out the CVNPA project;

d. Approved dispatch of a letter, such as Appendix "F" of AEC 777/69 to the JCAE informing it of Commission determination and plans with respect to the CVNPA proposal;

e. Noted that CVNPA will be notified of Commission action by letter similar to Appendix "G" of AEC 777/69 subsequent to clearance by the Bureau of the Budget; and

f. Noted that a press release similar to Appendix "H" of AEC 777/69 will be released subsequent to Bureau of the Budget clearance.

### 3. Dedication of the Shippingport Reactor

Mr. McCool reported that the White House had now confirmed that the President would dedicate the Shippingport reactor on May 26, 1958. A public announcement would be made at an early date.

### 4. Operation HARDTACK

Mr. McCool reported that the FIR shot in Operation HARDTACK had been delayed twenty-four hours.

### 5. AEC 132/20 - The Roles of the Commission and the General Manager

Under consideration was AEC 132/20 - The Roles of the Commission and General Manager, which contained various considerations and recommendations regarding the relationship and division of effort between the Commission on the one hand and the General Manager and his staff on the other. This staff paper and the recommendations therein relate only to Chapter I of the report dated April 15, 1958, to the General Manager from Messrs. Harry S. Traynor and John G. Adams. The report, entitled "AEC Organization Study" was circulated separately to the Commission as Appendix "B" to AEC 132/20.