

MOAB TAILINGS PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Quarterly Meeting

Anchor Location: Grand County Commission Chambers 125 E Center St, Moab, UT 84532

Held virtually on Zoom and Livestreamed on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66O7_4higHQ

MTPSC MINUTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The July 22, 2025 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:05pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), Cody McKinney (Grand Co. Roads Department), Mick Soleta (Moab Office of Tourism), Joette Langanese (Grand County Resident Representative), Tony Mancuso (BLM), Kate Finley (Grand County Emergency Services Management), Phil Goble (UDEQ), Colin Topper (City of Moab Representative), Steve Vowles (Grand County Budget Department), Chris Scovill (Solid Waste Special Service District #1), Joel Brown (Representative from the Utah State Senator's Office), and Ron Dunn (Representative from Utah's 3rd congressional district).

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Matt Udovitsch (DOE), Barbara Michel (DOE), Liz Moran (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Kenny Shafer (DOE), Michelle Shaffer (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Hawkins (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Carla Johnson (Pro2Serve, Technical Assistance Contract), Russ von Koch (Site Futures Committee), Bill Winfield (Grand County Commissioner), Brian Martinez (Grand County Commission), and Jessica Thacker (Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector).

A citizen attendee, Tim Parker (Equis/Public Citizen) was present.

Per Resolution 3198 at least seven committee members were present to constitute a quorum.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2025 AND APRIL 22, 2025 MINUTES

Joel Brown requested a correction to his title as listed in the prior minutes, clarifying he is not a state senator and represents Senator Mike Lee's Office.

MOTION: Tony Mancuso motioned to approve the minutes for the January 28, 2025 and April 22, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Colin Topper. All in favor – motion passes.

D. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No comments were received.

E. MOAB UMTRA PROJECT UPDATE

Matthew Udovitsch (DOE Federal Cleanup Director) provided a project update and summarized key elements from the annual reporting period (approximately July-to-July), including:

- Workforce: Approximately 136 workers employed, consistent with ongoing operations.
- Shipping: Approximately 1,046,000 tons of tailings shipped during the reporting period, representing the third year shipping over one million tons; approximately 34,000 tons of debris shipped.

- Cumulative Progress: Approximately 15.8 million tons shipped to date, estimated at ~98.75% of the (commonly referenced) 16 million-ton tailings pile. DOE reiterated that remaining work includes sub-pile and off-pile material, estimated at roughly an additional ~1 million tons.
- Schedule: DOE reported being approximately eight trains ahead of schedule, with an estimate of reaching the 16 million-ton “pile” milestone around October 2025, potentially early October. DOE noted a community milestone/celebration would be coordinated and announced.

Christopher Pulskamp provided updates on disposal cell operations and regulatory coordination with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), including:

- Continued daily placement of tailings in the disposal cell in accordance with the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and associated specifications.
- DOE described submitting and receiving NRC approval for variances to dispose of materials not fitting the standard RRM definition, including:
- Disposal of supersacks used for asbestos-contaminated material and shipping containers at end-of-life; DOE reported 55 shipping containers had been placed into the cell and buried.
- A variance approved for disposal of certain rail-related materials associated with Fernald (rail, ties, spikes) stored at Crescent Junction in a contaminated area.
- DOE stated the ET cover design remained under NRC review. DOE indicated progress is closely tied to completion/approval of a NEPA supplement analysis, after which DOE is hopeful for ET cover design approval.

Committee members discussed whether any stakeholder engagement could help accelerate NRC review timelines. DOE noted federal staffing constraints may contribute to longer review periods and welcomed continued stakeholder engagement.

Liz Moran reported groundwater system performance since the last reporting period, including:

- Approximately 4.8 million gallons extracted from groundwater extraction system.
- Approximately 9,000+ pounds of ammonia and 100+ pounds of uranium removed.
- Approximately 2.3 million gallons of fresh water injected.

Due to low river conditions, DOE stated the freshwater injection system was not shut off during spring peak and remained running.

Liz Moran also provided a Groundwater Compliance Action Plan (GCAP) update:

- Groundwater modeling began March 2025 and is expected to complete December 2025, with DOE receiving a report thereafter.
- Data-gap field investigations identified in 2023 were substantially completed, including work performed the prior week.
- DOE anticipates submitting a 60% GCAP to DOE for review in March 2026, with subsequent NRC review, ahead of a later planned 90% milestone around 2027.

Kenny Schafer provided an update on the FSS program, describing:

- The site is divided into 100 m² grids (approximately 14,000 total).
- Each grid is scanned and soil-sampled to confirm compliance with EPA cleanup criteria.
- ORISE (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education) conducted work in May 2025 and will provide independent verification through scanning, sampling, and technical document review.

DOE noted the project began portions of FSS early (starting July 2024) to refine procedures and potentially reduce overall schedule risk.

Barbara Michel provided updates on outreach and upcoming tours:

- A tour and discussion at Los Colonias Park (Grand Junction, CO) was scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025 (weather-dependent). DOE described Los Colonias as an example of a former uranium mill site transformed into a public park and planned a discussion with City of Grand Junction Parks & Recreation and DOE Legacy

Management.

- A Crescent Junction disposal cell tour for steering committee members was scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2025.
- DOE continued collaboration with the Moab Museum on its uranium exhibit, including mention of the Moab Festival of Science in September.

DOE stated the project received funding above the requested level (referenced as approximately \$74M during discussion), allowing acceleration activities such as advancing procurement/transport of cover rock in advance of ET cover construction. Stakeholder representatives noted strong congressional interest in completing the project and encouraged continued communication if funding or regulatory issues arise.

F. PRESENTATION OF THE DOE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTINUED COMPLIANCE WITH GRAND COUNTY'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE MOAB UMTRA PROJECT (DOE Federal Cleanup Director, Matthew Udovitsch)

DOE presented the Annual Statement of Continued Compliance with Grand County's Conditional Use Permit, summarizing accomplishments and upcoming work (including references to shipping, groundwater, disposal cell coordination, and planned work such as Moab Wash realignment planning).

Committee discussion included a question regarding Moab Wash realignment, including:

- DOE described the wash as having multiple sections and noted historic realignment in the middle portion associated with prior mill operations.
- DOE stated planning is in early phases, with engineering and regulatory considerations (including ephemeral stream considerations and storm events).
- Committee members discussed the importance of considering future site uses and flood/erosion behavior as planning advances.

G. ACTION ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTINUED COMPLIANCE (Chair, Mary McGann)

MOTION: Kate Finley moved to approve the Annual Statement of Continued Compliance and forward it to the Grand County Commission for final approval. Tony Mancuso seconded. All in favor – motion passes.

A committee member noted not all members had received the statement in advance; DOE/Staff displayed the document in chambers and walked through key sections.

H. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATES

Jessica Thacker provided a detailed presentation regarding activities observed at the Project along with a summary of air monitoring data for both sites (Moab and Crescent Junction). The status update can be found on the Grand County Moab UMTRA website or by email at jthacker@grandcountyutah.gov

I. STAKEHOLDERS UPDATE

No formal stakeholder reports were provided during this agenda item. DOE introduced Joey Thomasson as the new habitat/restoration coordinator, noting it was Joey's second week. DOE also encouraged coordination with Grand County emergency management and community response partners, referencing annual exercises and ongoing safety coordination.

J. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Russ von Koch recommended adding an October agenda item to review site futures proposals due to several new members joining the committee; the Chair indicated this would be added.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mary McGann adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted to the Steering Committee,

Jessica Thacker

UMTRA Liaison, Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee