

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

MTPSC MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 3:00PM (MST)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The April 28, 2026 quarterly meeting of the Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee was called to order at 3:00pm. The following committee members were in attendance:

Mary McGann (Grand County Commission), Colin Topper (City of Moab), Zac Whitwell (Department of Workforce Services), Tony Mancuso (Department of Natural Resources), Kate Finley (Grand County Office of Emergency Management), Sean Yates (Grand County Planning and Zoning Department), Joette Langianese (Grand County Resident Representative), Cody McKinney (Grand County Roads Department), Ben Musselman (Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency), Amy Tendick (National Park Service), Chris Scovill (Solid Waste Special Service District #1), Mick Soleta (Moab Travel Council), and Larry Ellertson (Representative for Senator John Curtis).

The following non-committee members were in attendance:

Matt Udovitsch (DOE), Barbara Michel (DOE), Liz Moran (DOE), Christopher Pulskamp (DOE), Kenny Schafer (DOE), Tim Parker (EarthSoft), and Jessica Thacker (Grand County UMTRA Liaison/Technical Inspector).

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

B. INTRODUCTIONS

C. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2026 MINUTES

MOTION: Ben Musselman motioned to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Chris Scovill. All in favor with Joette Langianese abstaining – 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 thanked the Committee and project partners for their support of the April tile transfer ceremony. He stated that the Project reached the 16-million-ton milestone on September 29, 2025, and that the full tailings pile had been excavated and moved to the Crescent Junction disposal cell by early December 2025. Mr. Udovitsch stated that current work is focused on sub-pile and off-pile contaminated material, including material impacted by leaching beneath the former pile, previously remediated wellfield areas, and former mill infrastructure areas. He stated that contaminated material removal is expected to continue to approximately mid-2027, that DOE will re-estimate remaining tonnage through field work with additional information anticipated in June, that 133 workers were employed as of early April, and that 567,248 tons had been shipped during the fiscal year as of the meeting date.

Mr. Udovitsch also discussed ongoing infrastructure reuse discussions with the County and City, noting that the intent is to identify potential reuse opportunities that could reduce DOE disposition costs while preserving community value. He stated that a second infrastructure tour is planned for May 14 and that DOE is requesting a community

infrastructure "wish list" by June 1. He stated that DOE is also reviewing its project website and may remove certain internal process or program documents, while continuing to make air monitoring and groundwater reports available. Discussion ensued regarding the future workforce transition, potential shifts from Moab tailings work to closure tasks and Crescent Junction cover construction, funding needs through closure, potential early public access or trail preservation after remediation, and the criteria used to determine when sub-pile excavation is complete. DOE stated that workforce levels and schedule will be better defined after the remaining tonnage is re-estimated, and that areas are excavated and sampled until cleanup criteria are met.

Christopher Puskamp provided an update regarding Crescent Junction disposal cell operations, equipment disposition, the evapotranspiration (ET) cover, and Moab Wash. He stated that Crescent Junction continues normal operations, including receipt, placement, compaction, and lift construction for material shipped from Moab. Mr. Puskamp stated that ET cover construction funding is currently programmed for spring 2027, but that DOE would be prepared to begin sooner if additional funding becomes available. He stated that the cover design has received regulatory concurrence and that approximately 180,000 tons of cover-related rock have been stockpiled. In response to questions regarding disposal cell capacity, DOE stated that current estimates indicate the cell should have adequate capacity and may have some extra space, which could be addressed through additional backfill or design adjustment if needed. Mr. Puskamp also stated that DOE has begun size-reducing older vehicles and equipment that are beyond useful life, while evaluating whether some exterior equipment or shipping containers may have reuse value within the DOE complex.

Mr. Puskamp stated that the first phase of the Moab Wash realignment has been completed and that the realigned wash now runs parallel to the existing wash. He stated that the next phase, anticipated during winter 2026-2027, will connect the realigned channel to the existing wash at the north and south ends under a professional-engineer-stamped design prepared by North Wind. He stated that the work should be completed before spring runoff so the channel is not left partially open or incomplete. In response to questions, DOE stated that new drainage features will be constructed and that contaminated features in the existing wash alignment will be removed to allow cleanup of the old channel area. Tony Mancuso requested that as-built information be shared with the State once available so it can be incorporated into state flood risk mapping and used to inform County, City, and Site Futures planning.

Liz Moran provided an update regarding groundwater interim action and the Groundwater Compliance Action Plan (GCAP). She stated that the groundwater interim action system includes groundwater extraction near the toe of the former pile, groundwater injection adjacent to the river, and surface water diversion to the river when suitable habitat forms. Ms. Moran stated that the extraction system will be terminated because extracted water was previously used for dust suppression on the tailings pile, and that use is no longer available now that the pile has been removed. She stated that DOE will continue groundwater injection, groundwater monitoring, surface water monitoring, and surface water diversion. She further stated that DOE is currently injecting and diverting water because river conditions are low enough to create potentially suitable habitat, and that the Project remains in compliance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biological opinion.

Ms. Moran stated that DOE met with NRC and DOE Legacy Management on April 8 for an all-day GCAP meeting and site tour focused on groundwater issues. She stated that the 60 percent GCAP is expected to focus primarily on habitat protection and protection of young-of-year fish from ammonia concentrations in groundwater. DOE expects NRC comments on the 60 percent GCAP in late April and will then move toward the 90 percent GCAP. Discussion noted that the site visit was beneficial because it allowed NRC to view the backwater channel and groundwater areas of concern in person.

Kenny Schafer provided an update regarding final status survey and radiological activities. He stated that final status survey work is ongoing and is now focused on sub-pile and off-pile remediation areas. Mr. Schafer stated that the remedial action contractor removes material and conducts scans and soil sampling until cleanup criteria are met, after which the final status survey crew returns to complete the final survey. He stated that ORISE, the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education, performs independent verification using its own sampling plans and instrumentation and

compares its results with contractor data. ORISE is expected to return during the first week of June for a second round of independent verification.

Mr. Schafer also discussed the vicinity properties program. He stated that five properties adjacent to the site, including BLM-related properties and utility areas, will be evaluated under supplemental standards because of limited contamination and potential hazards associated with removal in certain locations, such as around power poles. DOE will prepare exposure scenarios and submit the information to NRC for concurrence. He stated that one in-town vicinity property remains to be scanned and evaluated, which will close out the vicinity properties program. In response to questions, Mr. Schafer stated that stockpiled soils visible onsite are remediated materials staged for loading into containers and that some off-pile areas, including portions of the former boneyard, have already been remediated and final status surveyed, while sub-pile remediation remains ongoing.

Barbara Michel provided a communications and stakeholder engagement update focused on the April tile transfer ceremony. She stated that the ceremony marked completion of the 16-million-ton tile transfer, with the Moab pile plaque now empty and the Crescent Junction cell plaque full. Ms. Michel thanked the Committee, community partners, speakers, and attendees for supporting the ceremony and stated that the event provided an important public recognition of the completion of pile removal. Committee members discussed participation by former Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Senator Curtis' office, State DEQ Director Tim Davis on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, and representatives from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Ms. Michel also reminded Committee members that the second infrastructure tour is scheduled for May 14 and that the infrastructure wish list is due June 1.

F. AIR MONITORING AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES STATUS UPDATES

Jessica Thacker stated that she did not have a presentation for the April meeting because the air monitoring report and status reports had been received the day before the meeting and she had not had sufficient time to review and vet the information prior to presentation. She stated that the data will be presented at the July meeting. Ms. Thacker also stated that, now that the tailings pile has been removed and the Project is moving toward closure activities, future liaison presentations will be adjusted to better reflect current site activities rather than continuing to focus only on visual changes to the former pile area. Discussion included the potential for future presentations to include historic air monitoring information and a final status survey map showing areas as they are remediated, verified, and prepared for closure. The status update can be found on the Grand County Moab UMTRA website or by email at jthacker@grandcountyutah.gov

G. STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

Larry Ellertson provided a brief update regarding proposed legislation for land transfer, stating that the matter remains in process and that he is optimistic there will be a favorable conclusion, though nothing is certain at this time. He stated that he would follow up and attempt to provide a more detailed update before the next meeting.

Tony Mancuso thanked UMTRA Project staff for supporting the State's fuel reduction grant efforts in the area. He stated that the work is intended to support a fuel break in tamarisk on the south end of the Project near power lines, critical infrastructure, and wellfield-related areas. Mr. Mancuso stated that Project staff helped provide access, training coordination, and letters of support, and that timing of the work will depend on the State fire warden's schedule.

H. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Chair McGann stated that the next quarterly meeting will be held on July 28, 2026. The remaining 2026 MTPSC meeting date was noted as October 27, 2026.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mary McGann adjourned the meeting at 3:48PM.

Respectfully submitted to the Steering Committee,

Jessica Thacker

UMTRA Liaison/Oil & Gas Inspector

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