

**West Campus Cogeneration Facility (WCCF)
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2005**

Advisory Committee members present

Karen Carlson, RNA
John Harrod, UW-Madison
Don Peterson, MGE
Steve Schultz, MGE
Brian Stone, RNA
Ann Varda, RNA

Others present

Bob Stoffs, MGE

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m.

1. Review of previous meeting's minutes and review of today's agenda

There are no changes to the April 8, 2005, minutes. The minutes will be finalized, e-mailed to the Committee, and posted on the Web site.

2. Recent noise question

On April 20, neighborhood resident David DeWitt indicated that he had heard a rumbling noise at 5:30 that morning and wondered if the WCCF had been running. The facility was being test operated at that time. Mr. DeWitt indicated during a follow-up contact that he couldn't tell where the sound was coming from. MGE does not think the described noise was coming from the facility, but the noise study to be completed later this summer should help verify whether there are changes in the noise level when it is in operation.

MGE did find a different type of noise when checking out Mr. DeWitt's question. Each time one of the combustion turbines starts up, there is a brief whoosh from a natural gas vent valve. MGE is following up with the equipment manufacturer to identify ways to silence this noise.

3. Cogen Project Updates

The stack test for emissions was completed on April 11. The official results are not back yet, but the initial readings appeared to be within air permit standards. The final results will be posted on MGE's Web site.

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Emission levels of key pollutants are monitored continuously, and other emissions are tested on a regular schedule to make sure the facility operates within air permit levels.

A performance test also showed that the maximum heat rate and energy output of the facility exceed the design levels.

On April 26, the facility was designated as available for commercial electric operation. Final tests for chilled water and steam production and delivery are expected to be completed by early June.

Grading around the WCCF will begin in early May with landscaping to follow later in the month. Curb and gutter work for Linden and Walnut are scheduled for early June.

4. Update on UW west campus construction

John Harrod reported on current and planned west campus projects: In May, upgrades will begin on utility lines including steam, chilled water, and compressed air under Observatory Drive from the east side of the greenhouses near Walnut Street to Babcock Drive, south on Babcock, east on Linden, and south on Henry Mall. This project will require traffic reroutes. Linden Drive will become the main east-west artery during the Observatory Drive construction. The work is scheduled for completion in November 2005.

Other major campus projects that are currently or soon to be under construction on the west campus include:

- New Children's Hospital
- New Interdisciplinary Research Complex IC
- Mechanical Engineering Building addition and remodeling
- New Microbial Sciences Building
- New Veterinarian Diagnostic Lab

More information is available at www2.fpm.wisc.edu/construction/Static/combinedmap.pdf.

Agenda items for next meeting

- Review any new neighborhood concerns
- Update on UW construction projects on west campus
- Discuss WCCF tours for neighbors

The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 2116 Hollister Avenue.