



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Environmental Remediation & Waste Management Subcommittee**

**Meeting Record  
February 12, 1996  
Aiken, S.C.**

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The ER & WM Subcommittee of the SRS CAB met on Monday, February 12, 1996 at the Savannah River Site Rainbow Rooms at 3:00 p.m. Subcommittee members present included Bill Lawless and Kathryn May, Subcommittee Co-Chairs. CAB member Lane Parker also attended. Colin Covington attended from the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority. SRS representatives included Clay Jones, Dennis Ryan, Jack Mayer, Marilyn Garcia, Lionel Williams, Alex Pope, Larry Haney, Bill Taylor, Gerald Taylor, Dave Hepner, Steve Stine, Charlie Davis, Laura Janecek, Bill Craig, Eugene Rollins, Thomas Johnson, Gail Jernigan, James White, Lucy Knowles, Mary Flora, and Anne Roe. Members of the public attending included Sam Booher, Bob Newman, John Tant and Lee Poe. Virginia Gardner of DOE-SR attended as the Associate Deputy Designated Federal Official (ADDFO).

Bill Lawless welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Mr. Lawless noted that the meeting was being recorded and all questions and comments would be transcribed and responses would be provided and also forwarded to the Three Rivers Authority.

Dave Hepner, DOE-SR, gave a overview presentation on the Three Rivers Waste Management Center and the Solid Waste Technology Center planned for development and construction in 1996. Mr. Hepner explained that since only two landfills remain open in Aiken and Barnwell and one of DOE's priorities is to facilitate science and technology, DOE provided the Lower Savannah River Council of Governments with a \$147M grant to study the regional landfill concept. The study resulted in a recommendation to pursue a regional solid waste management facility and the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority was created.

The counties participating are Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, McCormick, Orangeburg, and Saluda; Allendale choose to opt out due to cost considerations. SRS will provide the location and will also use the facility since solid waste management would cost \$1,400 to \$2,000/per ton if done on site.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the site selection process, the public hearing held November 13, 1995 in Aiken, and the path forward. The Land Agreement between DOE and Three Rivers Authority was signed in January 1996. Mr. Hepner explained the timeframe: construction activities are scheduled to begin in June 1996 with landfill start-up scheduled for December 1996.

Mr. Hepner explained the leadership of the Solid Waste Technology Center which is composed of the Technology Center Management Board and the Technology Development Consortium. The roles and responsibilities of each of these groups is detailed in Mr. Hepner's handout (see handout attachment).

Thomas Johnson then explained how he had summarized written questions which were received as a result of the January 16 meeting into four areas:

Future Use issues, site selection issues, compliance/monitoring issues, and waste management issues. He then solicited additional concerns and questions from the attendees. Questions were received from Sam Booher, Lane Parker, and Bob Newman.

Mr. Booher made two points regarding Mr. Newman`s comments and questions.

One was regarding the use of the site for a landfill, Mr. Booher related how seven years ago it was proposed to put a landfill at Fort Gordon and the Department of Defense said there was not going to be any landfills on DOD property.

Mr. Booher`s second point was regarding the Future Use report, he said there was no mention of a landfill until last November when the landfill showed up in the report (page A-2).

Questions were also received from Kathryn May, Bill Lawless, Lee Poe and others in attendance. It was agreed, rather than stay and have all the questions answered that evening, to prepare a draft transcript of all the questions received (approximately 90 questions) and then DOE would prepare written answers for all the questions. This first draft of the questions and answers would then be routed to all attendees for their review and to add any other questions which result from the review. After the first draft review is completed the questions and answers would be finalized, distributed and placed on the CAB Internet Home Page. New questions could be posed and answered on a continuing basis. Mr. Johnson also added that the SRS Environmental Bulletin would be used to keep the public informed of TRA Solid Waste Management Center issues.

Bill Lawless closed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Attachments:**

1. 2/12 Agenda
2. Three Rivers Authority Meeting Schedule
3. Dave Hepner Presentation Handout
4. Thomas Johnson Presentation Handout
5. Memorandum of Understanding TRA & DOE
6. Guiding Principles between TRA & DOE
7. TRA Land Agreement
8. SRS National Environmental Research Park description and charter

**Note: the above attachments may be obtained by calling the SRS CAB toll-free number at 1-800-249-8155.**