



SRS Citizens Advisory Board Environmental Remediation & Waste Management Subcommittee

**Meeting Summary
September 23, 1996
Beaufort, S.C.**

The SRS CAB's Environmental Remediation and Waste Management (ER&WM) Subcommittee met on September 23, 1996, at 7:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn in Beaufort, South Carolina. Bill Lawless, Co-chair of the Subcommittee, opened the meeting with introductions. CAB representatives present included Mr. Lawless, Deborah Simone, K.B. Raut, and Arthur Belge. Representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE-SR) included John Reynolds and Ray Hannah. Kelly Way and Mary Flora attended from Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC); Anthony Messier and Leigh Ann Williams attended from SCDHEC, and Audrey Gotsch from CRESP. Gerri Fleming was the Associate Designated Deputy Federal Official.

Mr. Lawless welcomed the attendees, announced the meeting agenda for the night and briefly discussed the Savannah River Fish Advisory and the lack of public interest.

He then turned the program over to Ray Hannah for a short briefing on the Saltstone alternative. Mr. Hannah pointed out that an alternative must meet regulatory requirements and drastically reduce life cycle costs. Operating and construction costs of proposed alternative design are being evaluated.

Saltstone is mixed with cement, flyash and slag and pumped to the vaults where it solidifies. The concrete vaults and the grout retards migration of any radionuclides to the environment. These new landfills would give the same amount of protection to the environment with flexible membrane liners, a leachate collection system, engineered caps, and monitoring wells. The conceptual design is still preliminary.

Time was taken at this point to edit the draft Saltstone Alternative Facility for vote by the full Board September 24, 1996.

Next, John Reynolds offered to present a video introduction of the Consolidated Incineration Facility. However, since those in attendance were familiar with the facility and the video from previous presentations, Mr. Reynolds only gave an update on the status of start up process at CIF. In particular, the schedule impact of recent problems with the kiln rotation drive was discussed with the potential identified for slippage into early 1997 of initial radioactive operations.

Next the Draft Consolidated Incinerator Facility (CIF) motion was discussed and edited for vote by the full Board September 24, 1996.

Mr. Lawless asked for questions and adjourned the meeting.

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