



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Risk Management Working Group Team B**

#### **Meeting Summary**

June 11, 1999  
Hilton Head Town Hall  
Hilton Head, S. C.

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Team B – Risk Communication – Risk Management Working Group of the Risk Management and Future Use (RM&FU) Subcommittee met on Friday, June 11, 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Head Town Hall, Hilton Head, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to review Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) risk communication activities, Team B recommendations and the Team B final report development. Attendance was as follows:

#### **CAB Members**

Jimmy Mackey  
Ed Tant  
Becky Witter  
Mel Galin

#### **Stakeholders**

George Minot  
Ellie Galin

#### **DOE/Contractors**

Mary Flora, WSRC  
Jim Moore, WSRC

Virginia Kay, DOE, attended by conference call.

Jimmy Mackey, Team B Lead, welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Jim Moore, WSRC, stated that Julie Corkran, EPA, called and said that due to EPA cuts in the travel budget, she would be unable to attend the Team B meeting. Mr. Mackey reviewed the agenda.

Becky Witter and Mary Flora, WSRC, took turns reading the risk communication improvements developed from the previous meetings. Attached is the draft version with modifications from the June 11 meeting. Some of the discussion items were as follows:

- George Minot expressed concern that two items had not been included in the improvements. They were CAB support of public forums based on risk for that area with stakeholders being the panel members and an active one-on-one media recruiting campaign. These items were included in the recommendations.
- George Minot was disappointed that the Team did not get more cooperation from EPA and some of the companies on risk communication. He said that indicated that risk communication to the public was not a high priority item with them. It was felt that in the beginning of the risk communication improvements, it should be noted that when discussing risk, they should talk about the uncertainties. Also, companies should get away from the idea they can't talk to the public.

Mr. Mackey stated that by June 18, the Team B comments would be incorporated into a draft final document. That document will be distributed to Team B members by June 18. Team B members needed to get their comments back to Jim Moore or Jimmy Mackey by June 25. By July 2, the document would be completed and sent to Jimmy Mackey for approval. On July 12, Jimmy Mackey would give a presentation to the RM&FU Subcommittee on the Team B risk communication improvements. The schedule was

pushed up some so that Jimmy Mackey could make the presentation at the Outreach Committee meeting scheduled for June 30.

Mr. Mackey thanked everyone for his or her support on Team B Working Group and adjourned the meeting.

Attachment: Draft version of improvements from the June 11 meeting.

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