



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground Focus Group**

#### **Meeting Summary**

June 14, 2001  
Aiken Federal Building  
Aiken, SC

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The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (ORWBG) Focus Group met on June 14, 5:00 p.m. at the Aiken Federal Building, Aiken, SC. The purpose of the meeting was to review/resolve comments on the technical accuracy draft ORWBG Final Report, resolve Focus Group recommendation issues, potential suggestions for distribution of Final Report and review the path forward. Those in attendance were:

#### **CAB Members**

Jimmy Mackey\*  
Gerald Devitt

#### **Stakeholders**

Lee Poe

#### **DOE/Contractors**

George Mishra, DOE  
Ed McNamee, BSRI  
Don Toddings, BSRI  
Gerald Blount, BSRI  
Elmer Wilhite, WSRC  
Jim Moore, WSRC

\*Jimmy Mackey attended via conference call.

Lee Poe, Technical Lead, welcomed those in attendance and particularly Jimmy Mackey, Administrative Lead, who participated via conference call. Everyone introduced themselves for Mr. Mackey's benefit. Mr. Poe reviewed the agenda.

#### **Review/Resolution of Technical Accuracy Draft Report**

Mr. Poe reviewed the comments received from those who had been requested to send in technical accuracy comments. Comments were received as follows:

Gerald Blount – Bechtel Savannah River, Inc. (BSRI)

Elmer Wilhite – Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC)

Dr. Ratib Karam – Education, Research and Development Association of Georgia Universities (ERDA)

Jimmy Mackey – Environmental Restoration (ER) Committee

Perry Holcomb – ER Committee

Gene Rollins – ORWBG Focus Group Member

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) responded that EPA does not intend to review the work products of CAB Focus Groups.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) responded that they did not have the resources to respond to the document in the time period requested.

The Department of Energy Savannah River (DOE-SR) said they would not respond.

It was decided that the responses from BSRI and ERDA would be responded to in writing.

#### Focus Group Recommendation Issues

There was much discussion related to mixing zones. It was decided that the recommendation would be divided into two parts. The first part would list the recommendations as given in the report. The second part would respond to the near term problem of mixing zones. In addition, in the recommendation, issues one will be listed under a title of meeting regulatory requirements and the others will be under human health protection. The final report will be an attachment to the recommendation. Jimmy Mackey was going to contact Rick McLeod to develop the recommendation.

It was decided a second motion would be developed on the overarching generic recommendation suggesting this recommendation be a joint motion with the Stewardship Subcommittee.

#### Potential Suggestions for Distribution of Final Report

It was decided that the Final Report should get wide distribution. Distribution would be to other Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSAB), SCDHEC, EPA, WSRC, BSRI, BNFL, DOE SR, DOE Headquarters (Jessie Roberson) as well as local people. It was asked if the CAB could put out a press release. It was requested that an article be placed in the Board Beat as well as the Environmental Bulletin. A list of those for distribution will be developed.

#### Path Forward

The CAB motion will be developed and reviewed at the ER Committee meeting on June 19 and July 23 for presentation to the full CAB on July 24.

The comments to the Final Report will be incorporated by July 1 with distribution expected on July 12. At least 25 to 50 copies will be available for the full CAB meeting on July 24.

It was suggested that once the Final Report is distributed and the ER Committee picks the motion up that the ORWBG Focus Group will have completed its mission.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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