

Summary Notes – December 3, 2013
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, from 6:00-7:50 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, South Carolina (SC). It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation about the status of Building 235-F. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB Members:

Dr. Donald Bridges – CAB Chair
Dr. Marolyn Parson – FD&SR Chair
Dr. Rose Hayes
James Streeter
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Kathe Golden
Dr. William Rhoten – *Online*

DOE/ Contractors/ Others:

Vickie Wheeler, DOE-SR
Gail Whitney, DOE-SR
Tony Polk, DOE-SR
Avery Hammett, DOE-SR
Bill Taylor, DOE-SR
Patrick McGuire, DOE-SR
Tim Jannik, SRNL
Teresa Eddy, SRNS
Amy Meyer, SRNS
Ashley Whitaker, NOVA
James Tanner, NOVA

Agency Liaisons:

Adam Walker, SCDHEC
Scott Simons, SCDHEC
Diedre Lloyd, EPA – *Online*
Heather Cathcart, SCDHEC – *Online*

Stakeholders:

Amanda Hill-Atkisson
Nancy Bobbitt
Courtney Hanson
Carter Thomas
Dan Burnfield
Cee Cee Anderson
Clara Delbert

Welcome and Introduction:

CAB member Marolyn Parson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and stated the meeting was being streamed online. She then asked everyone to introduce themselves before she listed the FD&SR Committee members. She reviewed the committee's focus and provided a recommendation status update, stating recommendations 293 and 294 were open and recommendation 315 was pending. CAB member Parson introduced Ms. Vickie Wheeler, Department of Energy- Savannah River (DOE-SR), to begin her presentation.

Presentation: Building 235-F Status – Vickie Wheeler, DOE-SR

Ms. Wheeler stated the purpose of her presentation was to update recommendation 293 in accordance with the 2013 FD&SR Work Plan by providing information regarding ongoing risk reduction activities for building 235-F. She said recommendation 293 supported the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board (DNFSB) recommendation 2012-1 and explained that it had been one year since DOE-SR began implementing actions from the DNFSB response. Ms. Wheeler noted that when the budget sequestration occurred during fiscal year (FY) 2013, nine of the 10 actions were completed; however, the last action was scheduled for completion before December 31, 2013. She stated the project plan was revised to incorporate the effects of the 2013 sequestration and the FY 2014 Continuing Resolution (CR). She explained the current FY 2014 funding level for 235-F risk reduction activities was not adequate to accomplish all the previously planned activities. Ms. Wheeler listed various accomplishments that occurred during FY 2013 before explaining how crew retention and training, use of the mock-up facility, technical document preparation and planning, and deactivation bases for Interim Operations Implementation (BIO) progress were activities that were planned for FY 2014. CAB member Parson thanked Ms. Wheeler for her presentation and suggested the FD&SR Committee leave recommendation 293

open in order to determine how the FY 2014 budget situation would impact building 235-F. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Committee Discussion:

CAB member Parson discussed environmental monitoring in Georgia (GA) by allowing Ms. Kim Brinkley, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Mr. Scott Simons, SCDHEC, Ms. Diedre Lloyd, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Ms. Gail Whitney, DOE-SR to answer “common questions” the FD&SR Committee developed. CAB member Parson asked the FD&SR Committee if they should discuss drafting a recommendation to ask DOE to consider reinitiating a separate monitoring program in GA. CAB member James Streeter said he felt developing a recommendation about monitoring in GA would be helpful. CAB member William Rhoten said he felt the government of GA should sponsor the monitoring program. CAB member Parson and CAB member Golden agreed they would draft a recommendation to be discussed at the January Full Board meeting. CAB member Parson said due to time constraints, the discussion concerning SRS’s external website would be postponed. This discussion can be found on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Public Comment:

Ms. Teresa Eddy, SRNS, said all environmental reports were available online.

Ms. Clara Delbert, public, said there should be a way to ensure that all information is released to the public about monitoring results and data collected in SC and GA.

Mr. Carter Thomas, public, said he did not understand why in the year 2010, the DOE-Environmental Management (DOE-EM) coordinator planned to reinstate funding for monitoring in GA and it had not been done yet.

Ms. Amanda Hill-Atkisson, Georgia Women’s Action for New Directions (GAWAND), said she was concerned with the amount of monitoring conducted in GA since the last data collected was in 2002.

Ms. Courtney Hanson, GAWAND, said she felt the lack of monitoring conducted by the GA Department of Natural Resources negatively impacted the confidence level of several GA residents. She said GA residents have expressed that there is a lack of information and transparency about monitoring efforts. She explained that she felt an additional monitoring program in GA would not be redundant since GA was downstream to SRS.

CAB member Parson adjourned the FD&SR Committee meeting.

**The online recording of this meeting are located on the CAB’s website at:
cab.srs.gov**