

**Summary Notes - August 13, 2013**  
**SRS Citizens Advisory Board**  
**Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Meeting**

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic & Legacy Management (S&LM) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, from 4:00-5:50 p.m., at the Department of Energy (DOE) Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts, and a conference call was available.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation on Military Training Exercises at SRS. There was also time set aside for committee discussion, and public comments.

**Attendees:**

**CAB Members:**

Clint Nangle- S&LM Chair  
James Streeter- S&LM Co-Vice Chair  
Robert Doerr- S&LM Co-Vice Chair  
Harold Simon- CAB Vice Chair  
Jessica Grainger  
George Snyder  
Dr. Marolyn Parson  
Kathe Golden

**DOE/Contractors/Others:**

Rich Olsen, DOE-SR  
Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR  
Jack Butler, DOE-SR  
Jeannette Hyatt, SRNL  
Avery Hammett, DOE-SR  
Brian Hennessey, DOE-SR  
Ashley Whitaker, NOVA  
James Tanner, NOVA

**Stakeholders:**

Joe Ortaldo  
Walt Joseph  
Rob Pavey  
David Lobb  
Dan Burnfield  
Murray Riley  
Lee Poe

**Agency Liaisons:**

Scott Simons, SCDHEC  
John Simpkins, SCDHEC

**Welcome and Introduction:**

CAB member Clint Nangle welcomed everyone, and mentioned the meeting was being streamed online. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves. He discussed the committee's focus, and provided a brief recommendation update, stating recommendation 288 was open.

CAB member Nangle introduced Mr. Jack Butler, Department of Energy-Savannah River (DOE-SR), who presented "Military Training Exercises at Savannah River Site."

**Presentation: Military Training Exercises at Savannah River Site – Jack Butler, DOE-SR**

Mr. Butler stated the purpose of his presentation was to fulfill an S&LM Committee Work Plan topic by providing an update on military training activities conducted at SRS during the last year. He listed the topics he planned to discuss within his presentation before providing background information of the program. He explained the United States (U.S.) military faced various challenges, such as base closures, technology changes in weapons, and environmental restrictions; however, DOE and the U.S. military were developing strategies to maximize the management and multiuse of existing lands for training exercises. He said military exercises performed at SRS were patriotic, compatible with SRS's mission, and provided beneficial training capabilities. Mr. Butler discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed by the Secretary of Energy and Secretary of the Army in September 2007. He said the MOU allowed both agencies to pursue training operations at SRS; however, in September 2009, an Interagency Agreement (IAG) was signed between SRS and Fort Gordon, which allowed the actual military training programs to begin at SRS. He briefly listed other signed documents and key points found within the Joint Standard Operating Procedure (JSOP) that allow the U.S. military to conduct training operations at SRS.

He briefly listed several military training exercises that had been conducted at SRS since April 2011. He then provided several images of different training routines, military vehicles, and aircrafts used at SRS. He said the U.S. military continued to embrace the safety culture of SRS during its highly technical exercises, which had resulted in no cases of injury, destruction to DOE-SR property or the environment. He explained by conducting military training exercises at SRS, the U.S. military was exposed to unique training environments while continuing to build strong partnerships with DOE-SR and the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: [cab.srs.gov](http://cab.srs.gov)

### **Committee Discussion:**

CAB member Nangle asked Mr. Joe Ortaldo and Mr. Walt Joseph, from the Heritage Foundation, to discuss the “Aiken Together Campaign” and the possible construction of a SRS Heritage Museum in Aiken. Mr. Ortaldo explained the museum would eventually display artifacts from SRS; however, fundraising efforts had just begun. Mr. Ortaldo mentioned the construction process could take three to five years to complete. Mr. Joseph mentioned the “Aiken Together Campaign” was the “umbrella campaign” that offered funds to support the Center for African-American History, Art and Culture; the Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum; and the proposed SRS Heritage Center. Mr. Joseph mentioned a building had been promised for the use of the SRS Heritage Center; however, he could not reveal the buildings location at that time. CAB member Nangle thanked Mr. Ortaldo and Mr. Joseph for providing more information on the project and stated the S&LM Committee would try to develop a draft recommendation.

CAB member Nangle asked Ms. Jeannette Hyatt, SRNL, to speak briefly on developing innovations occurring at SRNL. Ms. Hyatt said SRNL was equipped with a diverse portfolio of science, technology, and engineering tools; however, SRNL was attempting to expand its portfolio to focus on the clean energy arena. CAB member Nangle stated he was pleased to hear that SRNL was a clean energy organization since he sometimes felt individuals only thought of laboratories as places that only develop nuclear technologies. He encouraged the S&LM Committee to draft a second recommendation that proposed ways to promote and support nationally renowned laboratories such as SRNL. This discussion can be found on the CAB website at: [cab.srs.gov](http://cab.srs.gov)

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Lee Poe, public, stated he felt that the public had not been made aware of the training exercises being conducted at SRS. He stated he did not understand the purpose or the benefit of the military conducting training at SRS. Mr. Poe also felt that the CAB should do more to document issues the Board finds important.

CAB member Nangle adjourned the S&LM Committee meeting.

**The next S&LM Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, from 4:00-5:50 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC.**

**The online recording of this meeting is located on the CAB’s website at:  
[cab.srs.gov](http://cab.srs.gov)**