



SRS Citizen's Advisory Board

Recommendation No. 10

September 26, 1995

Long-term SRS Cleanup

Governed by two (2) principles, first, that environmental remediation projects should be prioritized by risk category (high, medium, and low) and second, that the remediation of Federal Facility Agreement Appendix C (RCRA/CERCLA waste units) at SRS should be completed by the year 2023 (except for vitrification of high-level wastes which should be completed by 2028), the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) requests that the Environmental Protection Agency- Region IV (EPA-IV), the Department of Energy-SR (DOE-SR) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) please respond to the following recommendations:

1. The SRS CAB recommends that the three agencies (EPA-IV, SCDHEC, and DOE-SR), cooperate to reach consensus on the development, implementation and annual update of a long-term comprehensive strategic plan to remediate SRS. This plan should include clear, achievable goals and objectives while considering public opinions and concerns. Please complete a draft of this plan by April 1, 1996 and the final by October 1, 1996; use these dates each year to update the plan. This plan should include the following:
 - o Section I of this document should be the sitewide groundwater remediation plan, including Phase II of the F&H groundwater remediation project.
 - o Section II of this document should be the sitewide surface remediation plan.
 - o Section III of this document should discuss the strategy for which the three (3) agencies agree to accomplish the overall remediation of SRS, in an integrated fashion, that is, addressing contamination areas by considering groundwater and surface units, as well as streams, wetlands, etc., in the remediation strategy. This section should also use the annual environmental report to determine the attainment of the goals of this strategic plan. This section should include a discussion of the environmental monitoring, risk data, remedial goals and alternatives, and the importance of these components.
2. Each annual update of this strategic plan should provide a status of the previous year's accomplishments and the differences. A draft of each update should receive an independent scientific peer review (ISPR) by August of each year. A subsequent review to resolve issues found by the ISPR should be completed with the three (3) agencies (EPA-IV, SCDHEC and DOE-SR), followed by a final review by the CAB. This final review, if necessary, will result in a motion by the CAB on implementing each year's plan.

Agency Responses

[Department of Energy-SR \(12-19-95\)](#)

[Department of Energy-SR \(4-15-96\)](#)