



Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Environmental Remediation &
Waste Management Subcommittee Meeting

Meeting Summary
September 25, 1995
Beaufort, S.C.

The Environmental Remediation and Waste Management (ER&WM) Program Subcommittee met September 25, 1995, at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Beaufort, S.C. Board members Bill Lawless, Ann Loadholt, June Fogle and P.K. Smith were in attendance. Ann Ragan of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Joan Baum and Virginia Gardner of the Department of Energy also attended. WSRC representatives included Clay Jones, Leslie Huber, Bruce Schappell and Mary Flora. Four members of the Consortium for Risk Evaluation and Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) team were also present.

The recommendations on the draft Risk Report to Congress, presented by Lee Poe at the August 27 Subcommittee meeting will be presented to the full Board for permission to formally transmit the comments to DOE-HQ by letter from the CAB co-chairs. The Subcommittee had requested an extension to October 1 to provide comments. The Consortium for Environmental Risk Evaluation review conducted earlier this year was incorporated in the report to Congress.

A discussion on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for independent technical support to the CAB was introduced by Bill Lawless. The purpose of the technical support is to "pre-qualify" an independent panel to support the CAB. The draft scope of work will be presented to the full CAB for discussion.

The draft programmatic Waste Management EIS was issued for a 30 day public comment period on September 22. It was noted that the CAB members receive the entire document (excluding the appendices) without requesting it. It was suggested that in the future, the CAB members should be queried or sent the executive summary.

Charles Powers introduced a presentation of the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP). A consortium of Rutgers University and the University of Washington, CRESP has a five year contract with DOE-HQ to create an independent institutional mechanism to integrate risk evaluation work (i.e., many DOE documents already address risk: Blush Report, CERE Report, BEMR, WM EIS, etc.). The CRESP has three commitments:

- 1) draw upon dialog with stakeholders to define priorities;
- 2) include social, cultural, and economic values in addition to human health and ecological risks;
- 3) work with independent organizations to better define risks. There is no set scope or deliverable for the CRESP.

Bill Lawless introduced a draft motion to present to the CAB based on the draft ISPR report presented at the August 21 Subcommittee meeting (Joel Massmann will present the ISPR recommendations at the full CAB meeting). The motion required:

1. Implementation of Phase I at F&H should proceed. Any activities impacted by the ISPR recommendations should not begin until all agencies concur.
2. Provide design, construction and operating contractors with incentive to improve operation of the system.
3. Develop a long-term comprehensive plan to remediate SRS. A draft should be issued by April, with a final (peer reviewed) report by October. Annual updates will also be required. The plan must be developed by the three agencies and include:

- Groundwater remediation plan addressing SRS ecosystems and
- watersheds (including Phase II at F&H and A/M remediation),
- Sitewide surface remediation, and
- How the three agencies will address remediation of SRS
- consistent with the integrated operable unit approach.

For clarity and ease of implementation, it was suggested that the motion be separated into two: one specific to F&H as a result of the ISPR report, and one generic motion on the need for long-term comprehensive strategic ER plans. The Subcommittee agreed to present the two motions as separate motions as long as they remained linked. Ann Ragan questioned how the plans would differ from the FFA, and cautioned that developing new "agreements" could be labor intensive. Bill Lawless suggests that the long-term plan will not differ from the FFA, but that a strategy is needed to implement the work necessary to achieve the milestones that have been negotiated.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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