



Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 1995

Augusta, Ga.

The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee of the SRS CAB met on October 12, 1995, from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. in Augusta, Ga. The following Subcommittee members, working group members and public were in attendance: Vernon Zinnerman, Alan Collum (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control), Alfred Mowery, George Minot, Kamalakar Raut, Sam Booher, Bob Newman, Carl Mazzola, Todd Crawford, Lee Poe, Bill Lawless, and Murray Riley. The following SRS technical representatives and support staff were in attendance: Clay Jones, Mary Flora, Bill Rajczak, and Gail Jernigan. Virginia Gardner of the Department of Energy was the designated federal official for the meeting.

The following is a summary of action items as a result of the meeting:

Action Item 1: Develop a schedule and steps necessary to meet the DOE-HQ deadline for the SRS FY 1998 budget submission for Environmental Management activities. (Clay Jones with Vernon Zinnerman and Bill Lawless)

Action Item 2: Draft an appendix to the CAB Recommendation 8 that includes additional backup material for each recommendation and send to Subcommittee and working group members. (Gail Jernigan)

Action Item 3: Review and comment on backup documentation for each part of CAB Recommendation 8 (see Attachment F) and send comments to Gail Jernigan to compile. (Subcommittee and working group members)

Action Item 4: Compile comments on the draft backup document for Recommendation 8. (Gail Jernigan)

Action Item 5: Send list of perceived concerns/fears/risks of the Savannah River Site's operations and past operations to Gail Jernigan. (All Subcommittee and working group members.)

Action Item 6: Compile list of perceived concerns/fears/risks of the Savannah River Site's operations and past operations. (Gail Jernigan)

Vernon Zinnerman, the newly elected chairman, welcomed the participants to the meeting and the group did self introductions. Vernon Zinnerman had asked SRS staff to prepare a short

presentation on risk management; Clay Jones presented information and explanations about an opportunity for stakeholder involvement in development of the fiscal year 1998 budget submittal. (See Attachment A for the slides used in this presentation.) The SRS needs to develop priorities for Environmental Management work (about \$1.2 billion in FY 1997) to use in budget planning/decisions for the FY 1998 budget submittal to Congress. The proposed approach would obtain stakeholder involvement three ways:

- development of criteria for prioritization
- define the relative importance of criteria
- review results of the priority list developed using the criteria

The participants decided that this would be a worthwhile project for this subcommittee. Clay Jones took the action to develop a schedule and steps necessary to meet the Department of Energy Headquarters deadline.

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Vernon Zinnerman had Gail Jernigan describe the handouts on the Vision, the backup document for the recommendation approved by the CAB at their September meeting. Attachment B is a copy of Recommendation 8 on future use, approved by the CAB. Attachment C is a copy of the Vision as it was written before Recommendation 8 was approved; Attachment D is a copy of the Vision document with the background material, but with the final Recommendation, as approved by the CAB. Ms. Jernigan explained that the Subcommittee modified the parts of the Recommendation at the September 25 Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Zinnerman explained that the purpose of this part of the meeting was to update the information in the Vision to match what was passed by the CAB. Attachment E is the result of participants work in rewriting Attachment D to reflect the participants' concerns and match the Recommendation, as passed by the CAB.

The participants did not rewrite the backup material for each part of the Recommendation. There was discussion if it was necessary to write the backup material. After some discussion, the group decided that backup material should be written as an appendix to the full Recommendation. They asked Ms. Jernigan if she would draft this backup documentation and send it out for review. (See Appendix F for this draft document.) It was decided that this draft would be sent to all Subcommittee members and working group members for their review and comment with comments due to Gail Jernigan within two weeks after these meeting minutes are sent to the above groups. Ms. Jernigan will compile the comments in preparation of the next Subcommittee meeting. Ms Jernigan's address is:

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George Minot asked when the Subcommittee and working group members were going to begin work on risk management. Virginia Gardner explained that the presentation that Clay Jones made at the beginning of the meeting was the start of the discussion on risk management. There was general discussion on risk assessment, risk management and risk communication. George Minot showed a graphic explanation of risk. (See Appendix G.)

Todd Crawford explained that risk assessments are formal documentation of risk exposures and chances of cancer, etc.; risk management describes what will be done to manage the risks; and risk communication explains the risk. Carl Mazzola said there was a good write up on risk in the meeting notes from the August 22, 1994 meeting. (See Appendix H.) Mr. Minot explained that the people he represents in the Hilton Head area do not understand the risks of tritium. He said that this Subcommittee could help explain those risks and other risks to other members of the public. After some discussion, the group decided to write up a list of concerns they might have or know about.

This list of concerns should be about the perceived risks of the Savannah River Site and should not be just about fears (e.g., fear of snakes), but should reflect fears and/or concerns about operations or past operations of the site. It was also decided that all Subcommittee and working group members should sent their list to Gail Jernigan to compile before the next meeting. Action Item 5: Send list of perceived concerns/fears/risks of the Savannah River Site's operations and past operations to Gail Jernigan. (All Subcommittee and working group members.)

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Gail Jernigan recapped the action items for the group and the meeting was adjourned.

Note: Meeting handouts may be obtained by calling the SRS CAB toll free-number at 1-800-249-8155.