



Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee Meeting

September 23, 1996

Holiday Inn, Beaufort, SC

Meeting Notes

The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee Meeting of the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) met on September 23, 1996, at the Holiday Inn in Beaufort, SC. CAB attendees included Vernon Zinnerman, (Chairman), Bill Donaldson (Co-Chairman), Karen Patterson, Anne Brown, Beaurine Wilkins, K. B. Raut, Ann Loadholdt, and Bill Lawless. Regulators who attended included Jeff Crane and Kevin Koporec of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Shelley Phipps from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Walt Joseph, CAB Facilitator, also attended; Virginia Gardner from the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) was the ADFO. Other DOE officials included Terry Brennan (DOE-SR) and Merle Sykes from DOE Headquarters. Attendees from the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) included Lynn Waishwell, Chuck Powers, and Bryan Williams. Members of the public who attended were Lolita Huckcab, (Beaufort Gazette) George Minot, Joe Stockard, Lafond Biggs, Edie Rodgers, Dean Moss, (BJWSA), Todd Crawford, and Alan Benear. Westinghouse Savannah River Company attendees were Gail Jernigan, Mary Flora, and Clay Jones.

Mr. Zinnerman opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda. During the meeting the subcommittee will be reviewing a draft recommendation on the Environmental Management (EM) Ten Year Plan. This issue crosses over all three issue-based subcommittees: Risk Management and Future Use, Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, and Nuclear Material Management. Because there are overlaps with some issues, Mr. Zinnerman is trying to have these three subcommittees meet jointly.

Attendees provided self introductions and Mr. Zinnerman announced that Mr. Jeff Crane from EPA was prepared to give a presentation on risk from the regulator's point of view, if time permitted. Mr. Zinnerman then introduced Terry Brennan and Merle Sykes who gave a presentation on the Baseline Environmental Management Report (BEMR). (See attached slides.)

The BEMR, required as an annual report by Congress, gives the life-cycle costs and analyses for EM activities across the DOE complex. This report is built around compliance activities, whereas the EM Ten Year Plan is based on accelerating these EM activities. The SRS portion of the BEMR is 21% of the total DOE costs in the report. The largest costs in waste management activities. Total cost for SRS is \$49 billion through 2041. Costs pasts 2041 are for continued long-term surveillance. The land use analyses and other analyses were based on a computer

model. George Minot requested that DOE provide a demonstration of this model. He also volunteered to review the BEMR to determine what assumptions were made for SRS.

Walt Joseph provided an update on the subcommittee's meetings on the Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Budget Prioritization. The subcommittee has scheduled a series of meetings in 4 areas to review and discuss prioritization criteria. Last year the subcommittee developed 9 criteria to be used in prioritizing the work packages for the FY 1998 budget. This year, the subcommittee will be asking for input from Savannah, Hilton Head, Williston, and North Augusta as to what the relative ranking for these 9 criteria should be. The meetings will be held as follows:

- September 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, GA
- October 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Head Town Hall in Hilton Head, SC
- October 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williston Methodist Church in Williston, SC
- October 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center in North Augusta, SC

After a short break, meeting participants reviewed the draft motion on the Ten Year Plan. (See attached. Revision 1 is the original draft motion; revision 2 shows the revisions, as decided by the meeting participants. Changes are shown in italics and underlining.)

In closing, Mr. Zinnerman asked if there were any further business. Ms. Jernigan reminded the attendees that Beth LeMaster from the Savannah River Forest Station has offered to take interested groups on a natural resource management tour of the site. Mr. Zinnerman said he would ask CAB members at full board meeting if they were interested in this tour. The meeting was then adjourned.

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