



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Meeting Record

February 9, 1999
Holley House Inn
Aiken, S. C.

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m., at the Holley House Inn, Aiken, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to review the status of the Risk Management Working Group Teams, discuss the Strategic Plan and the fiscal year 2000 budget. Attendance was as follows:

CAB Members

P.K. Smith
Wade Waters
Karen Patterson
Jimmy Mackey

Stakeholders

Jennifer Hughes, DHEC
William Willoughby II
Sam Booher
Bill McDonell
Todd Crawford
Jerry Devitt
Bill Gerken

DOE/Contractors

Jim Buice, DOE
Steve Baker, DOE
Virginia Kay, DOE
Charlie Sessions, WSRC
Steve Stine, USDA
Steve Piccolo, WSRC
Bill Rajczak, BSRI
Shelia McFalls, WSRC
Mary Flora, WSRC
Jim Moore, WSRC

P. K. Smith, Co-chair, welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Ms. Smith stated that she was could not attend the whole meeting. She stated that Wade Waters was the co-chair of the subcommittee and would chair the meeting when she left. Ms. Smith reviewed the agenda for the evening. She stated that the Center for Disease Control public meeting was being held at the Municipal Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for those that wanted to attend. Ms. Smith introduced Karen Patterson to present the first team status reports.

Ms. Patterson stated that Lee Poe, Team C Lead, and Lynn Waishwell, Team D Lead, could not attend the meeting so she would present both teams status. For Team D, Ms. Patterson reviewed the objective and the goals. Team D has already looked at the chemical association risk analysis process. The team has identified several off-site risk approaches that will be reviewed. They are *Environmental Cleanup at Navy Facilities: Risk-Based Methods*, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Risk Based Decision – Underground Storage Tanks, and Risk-Based Corrective Action – Petroleum Release Sites. Technical personnel from on-site will review the documents and brief the team. The team will then make recommendations to the subcommittee. The team will start meeting every other month starting in March. The next meeting is March 8, 6:00 p.m., Aiken Federal Building, Aiken. This team is looking for additional members.

For Team C, Ms. Patterson stated that Clay Jones gave a presentation on the myriad of decision activities other than health and safety that are included in decision making at the site. Examples of desires and priorities by the various stakeholders were discussed. The next Team C meeting is slated for February 10, 5:00 p.m., at the Tetra Tech Building, Aiken.

Ms. Smith introduced Jennifer Hughes, Team A Lead. Ms. Hughes reviewed the mission and objectives of Team A. Meetings and subjects of past meetings were reviewed as well as the path forward. The draft strawman for input to those making presentations was shown. A matrix developed by Todd Crawford and Lynne McGrath to consolidate and keep track of relevant information derived from the risk analysis presentations was shown. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 5:00 p.m., District Office of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Aiken. It was stated that the information obtained from the analysis would be used to help educate the CAB and a report would be written at the conclusion of the exercise.

Ms. Smith introduced Jimmy Mackey, Team B Lead. Mr. Mackey reviewed the objective and goals of Team B. He listed the industries in which the team has attempted to review the communication plans. They were Union Carbide, Duke Power, Union Camp, the Department of Defense and Plant Vogtle. The communications activities at SRS were also reviewed. Future agenda items were listed. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 1:00 p.m., Hilton Head Town Hall. A review of the EPA communications activities and a risk communications course by Lynn Waishwell will be on the agenda. Team B plans on meeting the third Friday of the month. They anticipate completing their objectives in May. Todd Crawford stated that he had sent an article to Dawn Haygood entitled, "Tell Them What They Want To Know." He suggested the article be sent to the Team B members.

Ms. Smith introduced Chuck Borup, DOE, for the Strategic Plan review. Mr. Borup stated his presentation would be the same one completed for the SRS Senior Management. Mr. Borup reviewed the status of the various goals for the business lines identified in the Strategic Plan. The conclusion was that the current status of implementation is very good. The plan was recognized as "outstanding" by several external sources and would be submitted for a national award. The plan will be reviewed next fall.

Wade Waters, Co-chair, introduced Jim Buice, DOE, to review the fiscal year (FY) 2000 budget. Mr. Buice stated that the presentation would be the same as presented by Mr. Pescosolido at the February 1 Budget Rollout meeting. He reviewed the five focus areas that are Safety; Technical Capability; Community, State, and Regulator Relations; Cost Effectiveness; and Corporate Perspective. There is some growth in the budget for FY 2000. The FY 2000 budget is \$1,523 million versus \$1,507 million in FY 1999. The FY 2000 budget will meet regulatory agreements through FY 2000, meet the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board commitments, support the Alternative Salt Processing technology for High Level Waste, meets tritium recycle requirements, and supports receipt and storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel. It was pointed out that while the budget was remaining level, there was an increase in the work requirements. The increase resulted in the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) reducing production from 200 canisters to 100 canisters per year. The 100 canister per year level was expected to last at least two years.

This subject brought much discussion that resulted in Steve Piccolo, WSRC, stating that the reduction in production at DWPF was directly contributed to the budget. Mr. Piccolo felt that \$70 to \$80 million dollars would be needed to keep DWPF at the 200 canister per year level. There was discussion about sending a letter from the subcommittee and/or a recommendation from the CAB to Congress to request additional funding to keep DWPF operating at the 200 canister per year level.

Mr. Buice stated that the site would suspend the construction start of the Plutonium Storage Facility in order to do a system engineering assessment of the full range of plutonium missions not targeted for SRS. It was noted this would not impact receipt of the Rocky Flats plutonium.

Mr. Buice noted that the FY 2000 budget would provide overall employment stability. There would be a small downsizing through normal attrition. In addition, SRS would optimize the workforce to align with changing work requirements and new missions.

Mr. Buice stated that in light of the previous discussions on risk, he was considering modifying his budget presentations to focus on risk. This was viewed as an excellent idea by the subcommittee.

Mr. Waters asked if there were any comments from the public. Sam Booher stated that he would like to see land use discussions at each meeting to keep the public informed. Mr. Waters said he agreed and that it was a good idea.

Mr. Waters said the next meeting is scheduled for March 2. Since the meeting it has been determined that the location will be the North Augusta Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

With no other action, Mr. Waters adjourned the meeting.

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