



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Strategic & Long Term Issues Committee

Meeting Summary

November 13, 2000
North Augusta Community Center
North Augusta, SC

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Long Term Issues (S<I) Committee met on November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center, SC. Topics of discussion were an infrastructure review, Work Plan update, stewardship report from the Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) conference, stewardship working group development and public comment. Those in attendance were:

CAB Members

Mel Galin*
Bill Voegelé*
Bill Adams*
Murray Riley
Jean Sulc

Stakeholders

Kim Newell, SCDHEC
David James, EPA
Lynn Waishwell, CRESP
Sam Booher
Russ Messick
John Anail, II
Don Moniak

DOE/Contractors

Jerry Nelsen, DOE
Robert Meadors, WSRC
William Jones, WSRC
Jim Moore, WSRC

* CAB members of the S<I Committee.

Note: Carolyn Williams and P. K. Smith, CAB members of the S&LIT Committee were unable to attend.

Mel Galin, S<I Committee Chair welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Galin reviewed the agenda and then asked Robert Meadors, WSRC, for his presentation on the infrastructure review.

Infrastructure Review:

Robert Meadors, Strategic Integration Planning Manager, stated that the general site infrastructure consists of the support facilities, systems and equipment that provide necessary services to the site's missions, both inside and outside the limited area fences. It includes intra-area utilities and common appurtenances such as roofs, administrative housing, laboratories, telecommunications, information technology and emergency systems. It does not include work inside operating facilities directly related to the production capability of those facilities.

Mr. Meadors explained that an integrated schedule is completed for the major projects. He stated the site is self-contained for everything except power. A list of the infrastructure scope was presented. The Infrastructure areas are divided into five categories: Administrative and Support Facilities, Laboratories and Analytical Facilities, Site Utilities, Information Technology and Communications, and Safeguards, Security and Emergency Services.

Critical infrastructure needs continue to be addressed to prevent worker and public safety issues and mission impacts. Even though SRS has invested significantly in modernizing and updating its infrastructure, significant portions of the Site's critical infrastructure is 40 to 50 years old. The age of the

infrastructure has resulted in increasing frequency of failures and maintenance requirements of non-restored infrastructure, declining vendor support and decreased spare parts availability increasing the cost of maintenance. Since 1993, the small projects capital budget for general site infrastructure has declined approximately 75%, from approximately \$60 million.

Mr. Meadors reviewed an infrastructure Condition Summary matrix that ranked the condition of twenty-eight specific infrastructure areas into good, fair or poor. All ranked within the good and fair category.

Some of the key current infrastructure planning assumptions are as follows:

- Workload and workforce levels will not increase significantly.
- Site boundaries will remain unchanged.
- Infrastructure upgrades will be limited to those facilities expected to remain in operation mid- to long-term, unless there is an immediate health or safety issue.
- Utility systems will be redistributed as appropriate in consonance with the site reconfiguration concept.
- Any new missions with extraordinary infrastructure requirements that cannot be accommodated within the capabilities of the existing Site systems will provide that added capacity and assume the costs of tying into existing Site systems.
- Future infrastructure planning will support restoration and reconfiguration as envisioned in the SRS Comprehensive Plan while including only essential "upgrades in place" which may have a limited life.

Infrastructure priorities are established by a selection process that evaluates each project in accordance with a set of enduring criteria consistent with other Site program priority systems.

Mr. Meadors reviewed a series of slides showing pictures of infrastructure items in need of repair and some that have already been repaired or rebuilt.

Mr. Meadors indicated that the Site was in the process of pursuing a Site-wide Infrastructure Restoration and Reconfiguration Project (SIRRP) line item project to obtain increased funding. While the strategy is endorsed by DOE-HQ, the outlook for success is uncertain. Work is continuing on high priority, time sensitive projects such as tech area ventilation, electrical replacement, SRTC waste drain system and the steam supply. Long term strategy involves establishing "owners" within WSRC and DOE-SR to address infrastructure needs at a SRS "corporate" level. In addition, the infrastructure program is looking at alternate funding strategies to promote decreased reliance on Environmental Management (EM) capital funding. Sam Booher requested that in building new infrastructure, SRS should do so by replacing old rather than abandoning old and going into new areas to build. Upgrades should remain within the existing industrial facility area and not in the buffer zones.

Mr. Meadors stated that he would like to come back to the committee at a later date to discuss some items in more detail.

While there were extensive discussions during this presentation, they resulted in two action items as follows:

- Sam Booher – Asked where does the effluent from the Central Sanitary Waste Treatment Facility discharge? Mr. Meadors said he did not have that information available and would get back with Mr. Booher.
- Mel Galin – Requested that Mr. Meadors bring back to the CAB those things that are high priority but not being done. He stated that he knew the list may be 300 items, but please don't inundate the committee. Document or review the high priority items and the impact. Review in the next month or two. Mr. Meadors said he would have to review the time frame but would get back with

the committee. The committee was looking for those items time sensitive that if not dealt with, would impact the missions.

Mr. Galin thanked Mr. Meadors for the infrastructure review.

Work Plan Update:

Mr. Galin stated that the CAB Annual Work Plan that was developed last June was required to be updated every six months. Mr. Galin recommended several minor changes. The changes included a review of the entire planning process, deletion of the request to invite Mr. Werner, DOE HQ, to discuss stewardship since he would be leaving office this November and inclusion of the formation of a subcommittee on stewardship. Mr. Galin asked if others had changes that they would like to make. The only suggestion was to continue to look at risks at the site. It was determined that risk would be considered as the committee reviewed the budget and the Integrated Priority List. There were no other changes to the Work Plan.

Mary Flora, WSRC, stated that a small task group at the site had been working on reviewing the prioritization system. The group would share their information with the regulators and the public within the next month or so. Ms. Flora said that they would like public input and would be contacting those individuals of the public that have had a strong interest in the priority system in the past.

Stewardship Report from the SSAB Conference:

Jean Sulc, who attended the SSAB Conference in Denver, Colorado, stated that this second meeting of the group on stewardship was the start of the process to make recommendations to DOE on stewardship. The group developed ten statements. Ms. Sulc explained the facilitation process used to develop the ten statements. Two statements each were developed for the five core topics. The five core topics were funding, roles and responsibilities, timing of stewardship, information management and public involvement. An effort was made to keep the statements simple in order to have a consensus but certain words were required to be included based on individual CAB concerns. However, funding was a concern of all the participants.

Ms. Sulc stated that the specific CABs are being asked to review the statements. She stated that the SRS CAB would review the statements at the January 2001 CAB meeting. If the CAB supports the statements, they would respond to the SSAB Conference head and a recommendation from all the SSABs would be developed to send to DOE. It was suggested that the public and the CAB committees have an opportunity to review the statements and respond with comments. This thought was a direct lead in to the next subject.

Stewardship Working Group Development:

Mr. Galin stated that while stewardship was very important to the sites that were closing in 2006, such as Rocky Flats, it was important to get involved in the stewardship policy decisions while there is a chance to have an affect. Mr. Galin said that he would like to form a Stewardship Subcommittee to address stewardship. P. K. Smith has already agreed to chair the subcommittee. It was important that members of all the other committees participate as well as the public. Mr. Galin stated that he was going to inform the CAB the next day and was going to ask for volunteers. Mr. Booher volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

Public Comment:

Mr. Galin asked if there was any public comment. Lynn Waishwell, Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP), stated that the first phase of CRESP was on risk related subjects

while the second phase would be on stewardship. Ms. Waishwell distributed a CRESP publication entitled, "A Stewardship Framework for Guiding CRESP Research". She said they were very interested in the CABs involvement in stewardship.

Mr. Galin stated that he had just come back from Los Alamos and the Sandia National Laboratory in New Mexico. He stated that all of New Mexico was concerned with contamination issues. He said if you stopped people on the street, they would be knowledgeable about radioactive waste. He said the contamination had worked into the groundwater sooner than expected which was of great concern to the citizens.

With no other comments, Mr. Galin adjourned the meeting.

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