



## **SRS Citizen's Advisory Board**

### **Strategic & Long Term Issues Committee**

#### **Meeting Summary**

October 22, 2001  
Augusta Sheraton Hotel  
Augusta, GA

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The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Long Term Issues (S&LTI) Committee met on Monday, October 22, at the Sheraton Augusta Hotel, Augusta, GA. The purpose of the meeting was to review the fiscal year (FY) 2001 budget versus expense, Inspector General's Report on Inventories, tour status, program visits on site and hear public comment. Those in attendance were:

#### **CAB Members**

Mel Galin\*  
David Adcock\*  
J.G. Long\*  
Carolyn Williams\*

#### **Stakeholders**

Karl Overcash  
Melinda Holland

#### **DOE/Contractors**

Jim Buice, DOE  
George Mishra, DOE  
Jim Moore, WSRC

\*Members of the S&LTI Committee

Note: Bill Vogeles was unable to attend.

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

Mel Galin, S&LTI Committee Chair welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Galin commented that Bill Vogeles was having bi-pass surgery and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Galin also stated that the agenda item, Inspector General Report on Inventories, was being pulled from the agenda and would be rescheduled. He stated that Department of Energy (DOE) – Headquarters is doing an extensive review on this subject and the site felt it was inappropriate to discuss this issue at this time since the site did not know the DOE-Headquarters position. Mr. Galin reviewed the agenda.

#### **FY 2001 Budget versus Expense**

Jim Buice, DOE, stated that his focus would be on the budget for FY 2001 that ended in September. He stated that the FY 2002 was still under continuing resolution through October 31. The FY 2003 budget has been sent to DOE-Headquarters.

Mr. Buice reviewed the FY 2001 Environmental Management (EM) budget by program. The EM total budget was \$1,221 million while the total site budget authority was \$1,652 million. High Level Waste and the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board account for \$765 million of that total. Mr. Buice reviewed the major EM accomplishments/ highlights, commitments, and performance metrics for FY 2001. The performance metrics and commitments are reviewed every month and are part of the manager's evaluation. All funds left over at the end of the year may be carried over into the next year.

#### **Inspector General Report on Inventories**

This item will be rescheduled.

#### **Tour Status**

Mr. Galin reported that the site was in an increased security status since the September 11 event. In the Mission Essential status, no visitors are allowed on site unless it is essential to the mission of the site. The CAB members would not be allowed to take a tour under this condition. Under Mission Related, tours would be available for CAB members, but only in A-area. This would mean that the CAB could tour the Savannah River Technology Center (SRTC) and the Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL) which are both located in A-area. A tour of particularly the SRTC is tentatively scheduled for January 8. The objective of the SRTC tour will be to better integrate technology work with the CAB. One of the performance metrics reviewed by Mr. Buice indicated that there were 50 actual technology deployments in FY 2001 versus 24 planned. Mr. Galin felt there might be a substantial number of those deployments that the CAB might be interested in. Mr. Galin hoped all CAB members would be available to take that tour.

### **Program Visits on Site**

David Adcock stated that he met with Dr. Paul Bertsch, Manager of the SREL, on September 24. He stated that the SREL has had a relationship with the site since the site began. The SREL is under a five-year cooperative agreement with the University of Georgia. SREL does a wide variety of studies employing 150 people with 18 faculty members. Under decreasing DOE budgets, the funding for SREL has decreased as well causing SREL to look outside of DOE for funding. Mr. Adcock said it would be interesting to see if SREL has the same strategic issues as SRS. There are two types of tours for SREL, one is a one-hour tour of the facilities in A-area and the other is a two-hour tour, part of it being on the river.

The meeting with the SREL also raised a question about what are the long term goals of the Forest Service in managing the forests which cover the majority of the SRS land area. Mr. Adcock said the S&LTI Committee might want to hear a presentation from the Forest Service. Jim Moore stated that a meeting has been initiated for Mr. Adcock to meet with Forest Service personnel sometime before Thanksgiving.

J. G. Long stated that he met with David Freeman of the Facility Disposition Division (FDD). There are about ten areas with inactive facilities. The FDD deals with issues such as risk management, decontamination, decommissioning and technology development. Risk reduction is important. FDD has developed a risk based priority list of facilities. Much of the program deals with stabilization of facilities since funding is not adequate to remove the buildings. It was also noted that asset services used sales of equipment in the buildings to offset the cost of deactivation. Mr. Long felt that the S&LTI Committee should receive a presentation by FDD on the areas and risk involved in their program. Mr. Galin suggested that FDD could show pictures of the deactivated facilities during their presentation.

### **DOE-Headquarters Long Term Stewardship Strategic Plan**

Mr. Galin stated that over six months ago DOE was to issue guidance on long-term stewardship. Meetings have been held across the country over the last several years on stewardship. The CAB has received a request for information regarding the long-term stewardship exercise initiated by DOE-Headquarters. DOE-Headquarters is requesting suggestions on goals, objectives, measures and strategies using the structure provided. The comments and suggestions are requested by November 1, 2001. Mr. Galin suggested that the S&LTI Committee send a letter to DOE-Headquarters asking them to move the date to November 7, 2001 which would allow the Stewardship Subcommittee to make comments to this plan. The Stewardship Subcommittee is scheduling a meeting before November 7. No one opposed the writing of such a letter. There was further discussion on long-term stewardship.

### **Public Comment**

No one had any additional comments.

Mr. Galin adjourned the meeting.

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