



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

### **Strategic and Legacy Management Committee**

**North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, SC  
February 22, 2005**

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Legacy Management (SLM) Committee held a meeting on February 22, 2005, 5:00 p.m., at the North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, SC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Natural Resources Management Plan, Records Management, a Joint Waste Management and SLM Committee Draft Recommendation Discussion on Records Management and Institutional Control and hear public comment. Those in attendance were:

#### **CAB Members**

William Lawrence\*  
Meryl Alalof\*  
Wendell Lyon\*  
Perry Holcomb  
Bob Meisenheimer  
Bill Lawless  
Manuel Bettencourt  
Joe Ortaldo  
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#### **Stakeholders**

Sam Booher  
Walt Joseph  
Paula Joseph  
Rick McLeod

#### **DOE/Contractors**

Drew Grainger, DOE  
John Knox, DOE  
George Mishra, DOE  
Teresa Haas, WSRC  
Sonny Goldston, WSRC  
Jack Mayer, WSRC  
Steve Stine, USFS  
John Blake, USFS  
Eric Nelson, SRNL  
Jim Moore, WSRC

\*Members of the WM Committee

\*\* Barbara Paul, Carolyne Williams and Gloria Williams-Way are members of the SLM Committee but were unable to attend.

Meryl Alalof opened the meeting in the absence of William Lawrence who arrived later.

#### **Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP):**

Drew Grainger, DOE, advised that the draft NRMP is available for comment and copies are available upon request. The purpose of the document is to note changes in management direction and allow for plan revision. The document complies with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The primary considerations in formulating the 2005 plan are the two revisions of the Red Cockaded Woodpecker Management Plan since 1991, establishment and expansion of Crackerneck Wildlife Management Area and Ecological Reserve, increase flexibility to support Savannah River Site (SRS) missions, clarify management objectives in Savannah River Swamp Management and Lower Three Runs Corridor Management Area and new scientific information on plant and animal relationships.

Mr. Grainger reviewed the hierarchy of the NRMP. With reduction in funding for the Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL), there would be a gap in environmental research and environmental education. One of the stakeholders mentioned that the increase in dollars received from the timber production at SRS could easily finance the SREL program.

Mr. Grainger reviewed the difference in the management areas in 1991 and 2005. In 1991, there were two areas, the original RCW Habitat Management Area and then the rest of the site. The 2005 NRMP breaks SRS down into six management areas. They are RCW, Supplemental, Other Use, Crackerneck,

Swamp and Lower Three Runs Corridor. Mr. Booher stated that he did not like the name Other Use and thought the site should come up with a better name. He stated that the center part of this area use to be the Industrial Zone. His suggestion for a name was Threatened and Endangered Species (TES) Area. He felt the core area should be identified as a New Development Area. Mr. Grainger explained that the areas were not mutually exclusive. Maps were presented of the various areas.

In the Program Areas, there were no proposed changes to these areas: Habitat Management, Population and Invasive Species Management, TES Species Management, Watershed Maintenance, Stabilization and Restoration, Research Set-Asides, Natural Resource Research, Cultural Research, Ecological Research, and Environmental Research. Programs with changes include the Forest Products Harvesting and Silviculture area. The plans are to convert stands of non-indigenous species in the OUMA to indigenous species over the next ten years. The Secondary Roads Management, Boundary Management and Trails Management will identify opportunities to decrease the number of miles secondary road and identify opportunities to improve visual resources along the roads. The Wildfire Suppression and Prescribed Fire programs will increase the use of prescribed fire by increasing the number of acres burned each year to 22,500 and reduce fuel around urban and industrial interfaces.

Some other comments on the NRMP were as follows:

- The *Ecology and Management of a Forested Landscape: Fifty Years on the Savannah River Site* should be added as a reference in the NRMP. – Sam Booher
- How are the aquatic areas being tied in? This Plan doesn't address the large lake systems such as Par Pond. – Rick McLeod. John Blake explained that those systems fall under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) sites. CERCLA is responsible for regulatory compliance instead of the U.S. Forest Service.
- Why don't the Management Areas synchronize with the Integrated Operable Units and Water Sheds? – Bill Lawless
- This Plan should consider all endangered species. – Sam Booher
- Is a new flood plan wetland assessment report needed for this new NRMP? – Eric Nelson
- There should be a way to bring the public out to the site to see what is out there. – Bill Lawless

### **Records Management:**

Tom McCarthy, WSRC, gave the presentation on Records Management. He indicated that this is the same presentation given at the Hilton Head CAB meeting so he would speed over some slides to focus on the ones he felt we were most interested in. Mr. McCarthy reviewed the objective of records management which is to develop and implement a program to identify and protect those documents vital to the site. Some of the laws and business drivers were reviewed. The site has won several awards for the program and the SRS Record Storage Facility is considered world class.

Mr. McCarthy reviewed the Site records storage capacity. The Site is moving towards more electronic record keeping. Records are shipped to the Federal Records Center in Atlanta and are also stored in the Veterans Administration Records Center in Neosho, Missouri. DOE routinely shares expertise within the DOE records community. The current plan is to maintain the Site leadership role.

Mr. McCarthy explained the difference between artifacts and records. The Records Management group works very closely with the historic preservation program. Retrievability is central to records functions. Records must be available and obtainable when requested. The Office of Legacy Management plans on having a web site that is available to the public to find records.

### **Joint Waste Management and SLM Committee Draft Recommendation Discussion on Records Management and Institutional Control:**

William Lawrence, Chair of the SLM Committee, read the comment section in the draft recommendation. The recommendation stated that the SLM Committee wanted the Site to immediately upgrade the climate and temperature controlled curation needs of Building 105-C or locate and move the artifacts to another facility that currently meets these requirements. It also requested DOE-SR to define a process for historical preservation activities to be fully integrated into the Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) schedule.

There was some concern by DOE that the CAB had signed the Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) that said the facility conditions would be corrected over a five-year time frame but they were now asking that this timing be accelerated. There was much discussion with the outcome that the CAB members would take this all under consideration and get back with Rick McLeod to let him know how to write the recommendation.

**Public Comment:**

Sam Booher stated that in relation to the NRMP, he felt that any new missions should be build within the Industrial Zone. Mr. Booher was against anyone building outside the Industrial Zone. He felt that any new industry coming to the SRS would want to strip the land and build on a new piece of land, not use old facilities or infrastructure.

**Action Item:**

The following are the action items from this meeting:

- Comments on the NRMP received at this meeting will be forwarded to Drew Grainger for public comment input to the NRMP. – Jim Moore