

**SRS Citizens Advisory Board  
The Strategic & Legacy Management Committee and  
the Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Joint Meeting  
Aiken Municipal Conference Center, Aiken, SC  
January 9, 2007**

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Legacy Management (SLM) Committee and the Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committees held a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 5p.m. – 7p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center in Aiken, SC. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) on Fish Advisories to include how the public, especially rural farmers, are made aware of the advisories, and a presentation of the SCDHEC Environmental Studies Conducted and Results at the Savannah River Site. The FD&SR Committee received a presentation from the Department of Energy on the Status of Facilities Disposition at SRS.

Attendance was as follows:

**CAB Members**

Jimmy Mackey, Chair \*\*  
Wade Waters \*\*  
Judith Greene-McLeod\*\*  
Meryl Adalof\*\*  
Madeline Marshall\*\*

Mary Drye, Chair\*  
Leon Chavous\*  
Cynthia Gillard-Hill\*  
Wendell Lyon\*

Joe Ortaldo  
K. Jayaraman  
Alex Williams  
Bob Meisenhiemer  
Manuel Bettencourt

**Stakeholders**

John Bergstrom  
Jack Roberts  
Liz Goodson  
Stan Howard  
Perry Holcomb  
Murray Riley  
Chris Timmers  
Bill Guthier  
Charles Pair

**Regulators**

Al Frazier, DNR  
Tabatha Corley, SCDHEC  
Shelly Sherritt, SCDHEC  
Rob Pope, EPA  
Jim Brownlow, SCDHEC  
Butch Younginer, SCDHEC  
Rick Caldwell, SCDHEC  
Chuck Gorman, SCDHEC  
Rob Pope, EPA

**DOE/Contractors**

Sheron Smith, DOE  
Drew Grainger, DOE  
Pete Fledderman, WSRC  
C. Bergren, BSRI  
Ron Socha, BSRI  
Mindy Mets, V3  
Jim Moore, WSRC  
\*\*Rick McLeod

*\*FD&SR Committee members*

*\*\* SLM Committee members*

*\*\* CAB technical advisor*

**Welcome and Introduction:**

Jimmy Mackey, Chair, S&LM and Mary Drye, Chair, FD&SR welcomed all those in attendance. Mr. Mackey asked all attendees to introduce themselves. Mr. Mackey referred to the meeting ground rules requesting that everyone abide by them. Mr. Mackey announced that he had received a copy of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory Cooperative Agreement which has been signed with one year funding and that he had received a copy of the DOE response to Recommendation #240 which he will be evaluating further. If anyone would like to get a copy of the Cooperative Agreement, please contact Sheron Smith.

Mr. Mackey turned the meeting over to Mary Drye, Chair, FD&SR, who introduced Helen Belencan, D&D Project Director, Closure Projects, with the Department of Energy – Savannah River (DOE-SR).

**Status of Facilities Disposition at the Savannah River Site** *(Presentation by Helen Belencan):*

The meeting presentations began from Ms. Helen Belencan, Director for F-Area Closure Project, Office of the Assistant Manager for Closure Project (AMCP), who provided an update on the status of the Facilities Disposition at SRS. The presentation was well received. Ms. Belencan provided the D&D Project Overview for 2007:

- An enormous amount of D&D has been completed in past three years because we had an abundance of excess facilities
- Those facilities are now nearly gone – the pace has changed
- Focus is now on being in lock-step with the soil & groundwater cleanup program
- We are now working towards a common goal: Area completion

Recent accomplishment includes completion of decommissioning of the Waste Demonstration Incinerator. This facility has not been operational since the 1980's. There has been significant ongoing D&D work in the 211-F Canyon Auxiliaries and the 221-1FA line. Ms. Belencan stated that SRS has had the opportunity to reuse equipment from the decommissioned facilities in other areas, therefore creating a cost savings.

The CAB members asked several questions on the waste volumes generated by the decommissioning efforts. Ms. Belencan stated that when the decommissioning started we did a lot of characterization on materials and equipment with focus to ensure we were providing the right controls, identified containers needed for storage or shipping of the waste, and ensure the safety of our workers. Ms. Belencan committed to provide more details on decommissioning waste characterization and costs to disposition the waste at the CAB Full Board meeting on January 23, 2007.

Ms. Belencan reviewed the decommissioning activities in the F-Area Materials Storage Facility; and the recent regulatory agreements reached with the Environmental Protection Agency and the SCDHEC. Ms. Belencan completed her presentation with the P-Area Completion activities status and planned path forward.

**South Carolina Fish Advisories** *(Presentation by Butch Younginer, SCDHEC):*

The presentations continued with Mr. Butch Younginer, SCDHEC, who provided information on the SCDHEC Fish Advisory Program and its processes to notify the rural public of Fish Consumption Advisories. The presentation was very well received and very informative. Mr. Younginer's presentation was focused on the history and development of South Carolina's fish consumption advisories; how fish samples are collected and monitored; and he explained the process of how this information is communicated to the residents of South Carolina.

**South Carolina Environmental Study Results at SRS** *(Presentation by Jim Brownlow, SCDHEC):*

The meeting presentations concluded with Mr. Jim Brownlow, SCDHEC, who provided a presentation on the SCDHEC Environmental Surveillance Oversight Program 2005 Data Summary results conducted at SRS and its boundaries. The SCDHEC Environmental Surveillance Oversight Program monitors pathways for human exposure, conducts sampling and analyses of primary contaminants, compares results with the SRS environmental monitoring, summarizes findings and makes recommendations to SRS, and provides reports to the public on its findings. Mr. Brownlow stated that the results of the SCDHEC Environmental Surveillance Oversight Program has a good correlation and are consistent with the DOE Environmental Studies. The presentation was very well received and very informative.

**Public Comment:**

Charles Pair introduced himself as a candidate for selection to the 2007 SRS CAB. He expressed concerns of possible releases from the Site and concerns of why so much money has been spent to decommissioning building when we have these possible releases existing. He would like to see the DOE budget and priority list and hear from DOE the reason for this decision.

Shelly Sherritt, SCDHEC, thanked Mr. Younginer and Mr. Brownlow for their very informative presentations and reminded the SRS CAB members that these presentations were done based on the CAB's request.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The joint meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. by Mr. Mackey and Ms. Drye.