An Overview of the SRS Environmental Report for 2007

SRS Citizens Advisory Board

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

| ANSP | Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia |
|------------------------------|---|
| Diffuse & Fugitive Source | An air emission source that is calculated rather than directly measured, such as vents or basins |
| FDA | U.S. Food and Drug Administration |
| MEI | Maximally Exposed Individual |
| mrem | millirem |
| NPDES | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
| Unidentified Alpha (UnA) | Alpha activity that is determined by subtracting the sum of individually measured alpha-emitting radionuclides from gross alpha values. |
| Unidentified Beta (UnB) | Beta activity that is determined by subtracting the sum of individually measured beta-emitting radionuclides from gross beta values. |





Purpose

 Response to CAB request for a
 presentation and discussion of Site
 Environmental
 Report results







Environmental Monitoring

- Purpose of Program
 - Characterize and quantify contaminants
 - Demonstrate compliance with applicable requirements
 - Calculate radiation exposures to the public
 - Assess the effects, if any, on the local environment





2007 Monitoring Program Summary

- Savannah River Site's 2007 air and water releases, as well as all potential radiation doses from the site, were well below applicable regulatory standards.
- For 2007, the radiation dose to the
 - public living near SRS was well below DOE's 100-mrem/year standard
 - downriver water consumer was well below EPA's
 4-mrem/year standard





2007 Monitoring Program Summary

- Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act
 - Compliance rate of 100%
 - No notices of violation (NOV)







Contaminant Pathways



2007 Dose Summary All values are mrem

| | Standard | SRS Dose |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| DOE All-Pathway | 100 | 0.10 |
| EPA Clean Air Act | 10 | 0.04 |
| EPA Drinking Water | 4 | 0.02 |
| Annual Background | 360 | |





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2007 Monitoring Results Summary

Individual Dose

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Water | 0.05 mrem | 0.09 mrem |
| Air | 0.04 mrem | 0.11 mrem |
| Total | 0.10 mrem | 0.20 mrem |

• Drinking Water Dose

| Beaufort-Jasper (Chelsea), South Carolina | 0.02 mrem |
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| Beaufort-Jasper (Purrysburg), South Carolina | 0.02 mrem |
| Savannah, Georgia | 0.02 mrem |





Differences Between 2006 and 2007 Air Dose

- Significant decrease in 2007
- Fewer contributing radionuclides
- General Separation Area Consolidated Unit (GSACU) Remediaton Project completed
 - Increased diffuse and fugitive source observed in 2006





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Special Case Doses

- Sportsman Dose
 - 30 mrem Annual Limit
 - Fish
 - 0.24 mrem (maximum, Lower Three Runs bass)
 - Deer/Hogs
 - 9 mrem (maximum onsite deer/hog hunter)
 - 1.9 mrem (maximum offsite deer hunter)
 - 2.3 mrem (maximum offsite hog hunter)





Nonradiological Surveillance

- Mercury in Fish
 - Generally higher in predators
 - Observed maximum Savannah River concentrations (µg/g)
 - Bass 1.66 (Lower Three Runs mouth)
 - Bream 2.13 (Hwy 17A)
 - Catfish 1.07 (Four Mile Creek mouth)
 - Levels similar above and below SRS





Nonradiological Surveillance (cont.)

- Long-term Savannah River Water Quality Survey Results
 - WSRC and ANSP monitoring results continue to show that site operations have had no adverse impact on the water quality of SRS streams and the Savannah River.





Closing Comments

- SRS continues to conduct a comprehensive environmental monitoring program.
- The site's airborne and liquid releases to the environment show a long-term decrease.





Contact Information

- The report is available on the web at: <u>http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum/index.html</u>
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