

**Summary Notes, August 25, 2009**  
**SRS Citizens Advisory Board**  
**Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Meeting**

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic & Legacy Management (S&LM) Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken, SC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive presentations and discuss the National Environmental Research Park; the Status of Military Operations at SRS; and the Participation of the Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board, Stakeholders, and Regulators in the EM Budget Requests, 06/01/09, DOE-HQ Guidance. An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided.

**ATTENDEES:**

**CAB Members**

- Madeleine Marshall, Co-Chair  
- Judy Greene-McLeod, Co-Chair  
Manuel Bettencourt  
Joe Ortaldo  
Jerry Wadley  
Emile Bernard  
Stan Howard  
Rose Lee Hayes  
Kathe Golden  
Ranowul Jzar

**Stakeholders**

Ken McLeod, SREL  
  
Rick McLeod, SRSCRO  
Eric Nelson, SRNL  
Sam Booher, Public  
Laurie Booher, Public  
Karen Patterson, Public  
Hugh Hazen, EPA  
Kyle Bryant, EPA  
Anna Cornelious, EPA  
Murray Riley, Public  
Liz Goodson, Public  
Tiajuana Cochnauer, USFS-SR

**DOE/Contractors/Others**

Sheron Smith, DOE-SR  
  
Doug Hintze, DOE-SR  
Lance Schlag, DOE-SR  
Dean Campbell, SRR  
Paul Sauerborn, SRNS  
Charles Borup, DOE-SR  
Rich Olsen, DOE-SR  
John Seaman, SREL  
Jack Butler, DOE-SR

**Welcome and Introduction:**

Ms. Judith Greene-McLeod, Co-Chair, S&LM, opened the meeting with a welcome and thank you to all attendees. The attendees introduced themselves. She then referenced the meeting ground rules and encouraged adhering to them.

**Committee Update:**

Ms. Greene-McLeod began the committee update by commenting on the wonderful opportunity to visit the Savannah River National Laboratory today.

Ms. Greene-McLeod provided the status of all S&LM open and pending recommendations. She is going to recommend moving Recommendation #265 to open status.

She continued by stating that the S&LM committee is involved in strategic issues relevant to the future of SRS. Specific areas of interest are the development and deployment of technology, the SRS budget decision-making process, future land use, legacy management/long-term stewardship, historic preservation and relevant national environmental policy.

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All of the topics on tonight's agenda are identified in the SRS CAB 2009 Work Plan. Ms Greene-McLeod stated that this evening's agenda includes updates on the National Environmental Research Park; the Status of Military Operations at SRS; and a briefing on recent guidance from DOE-HQ on the participation of Site Specific Advisory Boards in the EM Budget process.

Ms Greene-McLeod then invited the first speaker to the front of the room.

**Committee Meeting Summary:**

Members of the Strategic and Legacy Management Committee held a committee meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken. DOE-SR hosted the meeting. The agenda topics were a briefing on the recent guidance from DOE-HQ on the participation of the Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Boards in the EM Budget process, provided by Lance Schlag, DOE-SR; an update on Military Operations at the SRS, provided by Chuck Borup, DOE-SR; and a briefing on the SRS National Environmental Research Park activities, provided by Dennis Ryan, DOE-SR. An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided.

The committee meeting was well attended. All presentations were well received and no recommendations are expected from the discussions.

Dennis Ryan, DOE-SR, provided a presentation on the SRS National Environmental Research Park (NERP). He stated the background origins as being large, isolated sites were needed to support the Cold War nuclear materials and weapons productions. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) wanted to track radioactive fallout and accidental releases from its facilities. He stated that based on this, the AEC decided to open selected sites to outside research. Therefore, the SRS was designated as the first of seven NERPs in 1972. The NERP Charter was to develop methods to assess and monitor the environmental impact of human activities; to estimate or predict the environmental response to proposed and ongoing activities; and demonstrate the impact of various activities to minimize these environmental impacts. Mr. Ryan stated that the current planning documents at SRS continue to recognize and support the SRS NERP even though there has not been consistent funding designated for the NERP. On June 9, 2009, Dr. Whit Gibbons spoke about the SRS NERP at a hearing, "Environmental Research at the Department of Energy," of the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment of the House Committee on Science and Technology. The House of Representatives approved a NERP bill (H.R. 2720) which was sponsored out of the State of Arizona. H. R. 2729 would also appropriate \$5M/site/year for five years beginning in FY2010 to implement new activities. Mr. Ryan stated that there is some public concern on whether or not H.R. 2729 could prohibit or complicate future missions at SRS. The NERP activities are in the current SRS Strategic Plan. The SRS CAB members have interest in the future usage of the Site property for existing missions and future missions and the impacts this usage may have on the NERP purpose and activities. The SRS CAB members would like to ensure all activities at SRS compliment each other and are integrated of the best usage of the Site property. Bill Lawless stated that the primary advantage of SRS being designated as NERP is to keep the SRS land from being turned over to private land owners.

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Chuck Borup, DOE-SR provided a presentation on the status of Military Operations at SRS. The purpose of the briefing was to provide an update on the status of the Army's request to utilize SRS land for military training purposes. Mr. Borup stated that the Army training possibilities and parameters are in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense/Army. The Inter-Agency Agreement was approved by the Army on August 18, 2009. Final staffing is underway for the SRS Manager's approval and then an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed with public scoping meetings. This process will allow the public hear the EA details, be involved, and be able to provide comments on the EA. Mr. Borup stated that the Army has hired a training coordinator who is working on the Standard Operating Procedures. The estimated time to initiate actual training activities at SRS is twelve months. SRS CAB members expressed concerns of the impacts that Army vehicles and foot soldiers may have on the land and environment at SRS. SREL confirmed that they have been involved in the meetings with the Department and the Army staffs.

Mr. Lance Schlag, DOE-SR, led discussions on the June 1, 2009 DOE-HQ guidance on the participation of the EM Site Specific Advisory Boards, Stakeholders, and Regulators in the EM Budget Requests. He stated that the established process that the DOE-SR has been doing with the SRS CAB for the past couple of years is not going to change. The SRS CAB has received numerous budget briefings, a baseline certification briefing, and provided input for the past two years into the Integrated Priority List activities. During the budget discussions, the SRS CAB members were assured that future briefings will contain budget information and that DOE-SR will include the Board members in discussions and input to the EM Budget process as directed by DOE-Headquarters guidance memorandum dated June 1, 2009. Mr. Schlag agreed to brief the Strategic & Legacy Management Committee members at the end of October 2009 on the FY09 Spending and FY10 Appropriations. The SRS CAB members overall agreed with the discussions and look forward to the October budget briefing.

In closing, Ms. Greene-McLeod reviewed the upcoming SRS CAB meetings schedules, encouraged sign in and completes the feedback forms. She then asked for public comments.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourn:**

Ms. Greene-McLeod adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Follow-Up Actions:**

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Copies of the presentations will be provided on the SRS CAB WebPage as supporting documents.