

Summary Notes, June 9, 2009
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Waste Management Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Waste Management Committee conducted a committee meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken, SC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive a presentation on the PUREX Waste Disposition and the Transuranic (TRU) Waste Disposition Programs. An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided.

ATTENDEES:

CAB Members

Joe Ortaldo, Chair
Art Dombay, Vice Chair
Alex Williams, Vice Chair
Don Bridges
Ranowul Jzar
Judy Greene-McLeod
Kathe Golden
Manuel Bettencourt
Mercredi Giles

Stakeholders

Reinhard Friske, NFS
Liz Goodson, Public
Murray Riley, Public
Karen Patterson, Public
Jennifer Hughes, SCDHEC
Angela Lindell, SCDHEC

DOE/Contractors/Others

Sheron Smith, DOE-SR
Bert Crapse, DOE-SR
Terry Spears, DOE-SR
Ron Campbell, WSRC
Debbie Wisham, V3
J. D. Chong, SRNS
Rob Trimble, SRNS
Lee Fox, SRNS
John Gilmore, SRNS
Tom Gutman, DOE-SR

Participation via e-meetings:

Bill Lawless
Marolyn Parsons
Ric Castagna

Welcome and Introduction:

Joe Ortaldo, Chair, WMC, opened the meeting with a welcome and thank you to all attendees.

Mr. Ortaldo stated that he and many members of the SRS CAB are saddened by the death of Wade Waters, a past SRS CAB member. Mr. Waters was a charter member of the Board, very effective, and well respected by all.

The attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Ortaldo then referenced the meeting ground rules and encouraged adhering to them. To facilitate meeting timeliness, he encouraged all questions to be held until the end of the presentations.

Committee Update:

Mr. Ortaldo began by providing the status of the WMC open recommendations. He stated that the WMC closed two recommendations at the May full Board meeting; and now has two pending recommendations, and eight open recommendations. He stated that all of the presentations on the agenda this evening are on the solid waste programs.

Meeting Summary:

Members of the Waste Management Committee held a committee meeting on June 9, 2009, 5:30- 7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken, SC. The agenda topics were an update on the Transuranic (TRU) Waste Program and an update on the PUREX Program, both topics were presented by Bert Crapse, DOE-SR.

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An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided. The meeting was moderately attended by CAB members and stakeholders.

The CAB Waste Management Committee was briefed on the status and plans for disposition of legacy TRU wastes and organic PUREX wastes which both are being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Both presentations were well received without any issues or draft recommendations expected. The CAB members support this work as it is consistent with their Recommendation # 258, which urges completion of the legacy TRU program by 2013. The CAB members are very pleased that the legacy TRU Waste Program and the PUREX Waste Program will be completed soon. Open discussions included: the DOE complex-wide shipping schedule to complete the legacy TRU shipments to WIPP; the methods being used to deploy the ARRA funding quickly and hire staff to do the work; and the ensured safety of workers who will be working on the TRU Pad 1 cleanup effort. The CAB members also encouraged DOE, if possible, to maintain employment of the new hires doing the ARRA funded work after the 2011 funding end date. Joe Ortaldo, Chair, WMC, has asked Bert Crapse to present both presentations at the full Board meeting at the end of July. As a result of the discussions, the SRS CAB is writing a letter of commendation to the Department on the acceleration and completion of the PUREX and TRU campaigns.

In closing, Mr. Ortaldo reminded everyone that the annual SRS CAB membership drive is being conducted during the month of June. If interested, please go to the SRS CAB Webpage for additional information.

Public Comment:

- Joe Ortaldo stated that the Chamber of Commerce presentation on the Yucca Mountain – A Concern and Opportunity – CSRA Vision for Commercial and SRS Nuclear Programs will be provided in the future and will provide the opportunity for SRS CAB members to ask questions on the Energy Parks; Yucca Mt. delay; and other topics. When scheduled the public and committee will be notified.

Adjourn:

Mr. Ortaldo adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Follow-Up Actions:

- Provide the PUREX and the TRU Program Update presentations at the full Board meeting in July.

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Presentations are posted on the SRS CAB Website separately.