## RONISORY BOARD Augusta, GA July 21-22, 2014 ABUIR HANNA **SRS Citizens Advisory Board Chair Update** Marolyn Parson, Ph.D.

## **Approval of Minutes**



- While the minutes are long, there are an important record of what was said by each of us and what actions were taken.
- I hope you each have taken the time to read through them to see if there are any misrepresentations of what transpired.
- Motion to approve the minutes?

## **Member Resignations**



- Two members have resigned since our last Board Meeting:
  - Bill Calhoun
  - Jessica Grainger
- Both of them will be missed.
- The CAB membership now stands at 22.

### DOE-Environmental Management's Site Specific Advisory Board



- Harold Simon and I participate in the "national" Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board
- Our CAB is one of 8 local site boards of the "national" Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board formed under a charter dictated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
  - Site Specific Advisory Board was created to involve stakeholders more directly in Environmental Management cleanup decisions.

## Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board's 8 Local Board Locations

- 1. Hanford Advisory Board (WA)
- 2. Idaho National Laboratory Site Citizens Advisory Board
- 3. Northern New Mexico Citízens Advisory Board (Los Alamos)
- 4. Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board
- 5. Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (TN)
- 6. Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (OH)
- 7. Paducah Citizens Ádvisory Board (KY)
- 8. Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

#### Environmental Management's Site Specific Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

- Harold Simon and I will be traveling to Idaho Falls in September for the next Site Specific Board meeting, which will be hosted by the Idaho National Laboratory Advisory Board.
- In addition to a 2-day Board Meeting, we will have the opportunity to tour the Idaho National Laboratory, which is the site of the Idaho Cleanup Project, which targets legacy waste generated from
  - reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel,
  - production of nuclear weapons,
  - government-owned research and defense reactors,
  - laboratory research, and
  - defense missions at other Department of Energy sites.

#### Environmental Management's Site Specific Advisory Board—Concerns

- Members of our SRS CAB have expressed an interest in knowing what the other Boards are concerned about. Over the next 4 meetings, I will highlight the major concerns of one or more of the other Site-Specific Advisory Boards.
- Idaho National Laboratory Citizens Advisory Board is very interested in the completion of the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit, which is being built to process the remaining sodium bearing liquid waste.
  - Design and operational issues have delayed a court ordered startup date.
  - As a result of this missed deadline, the Idaho National Laboratory is currently prohibited from bringing spent fuel onto the site until the sodium bearing waste is completely processed.

#### Idaho National Laboratory is one of three Department Of Energy High Level Waste Sites



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# Comment Letter to DOE on Scope of Environmental Assessment

- I wrote and submitted a comment letter on July 19, 2014, to the Department of Energy about the scope of the Environmental Assessment on the proposed project to bring almost a ton of used nuclear fuel containing highly enriched uranium from Germany to the Savannah River Site for disposition.
- I wrote the letter independently but asked the other members of the CAB as well as the public to provide input before it was mailed.

# Comment Letter to DOE on Scope of Environmental Assessment, cont.

- The Department of Energy did not ask for opinions on whether the project should be initiated or not, but limited their request to suggestions on the scope of the Environmental Assessment.
- As a result, my comments were limited to the scope of the Environmental Assessment.

### CAB Position Statements Up for Renewal or Expiration

- In line with the CAB's Internal Processes, today there are 2 position statements that are up for annual renewal or expiration.
- After discussion, we will vote to renew or let it expire.
- 1. "The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the President's 2014 Budget Proposal"
- 2. "Position Paper for the Savannah River Site's Citizen Advisory Board on using SRS for Interim Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel"