

Summary Notes – October 21, 2014
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, from 6:30-8:20 p.m., at the Department of Energy (DOE) Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation about the Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB:

Tom Barnes – FD&SR Vice Chair
Dr. Marolyn Parson – CAB Chair
Harold Simon – CAB Vice Chair
Larry Powell
Dr. William Rhoten – *Online*
Nina Spinelli – *Online*
Dr. Eleanor Hopson
Louie Chavis – *Online*
Ed Sturcken – *Online*

DOE/Contractors/Others:

Angelia Adams, DOE-SR
de’Lisa Carrico, DOE-SR
Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR
Candice Freeman, DOE-SR
Avery Hammett, DOE-SR
Kim Cauthen, SRNS
Amy Meyer, SRNS
James Tanner, Time Solutions
Ashley Whitaker, Time Solutions

Stakeholders:

Amanda Hill-Attkisson
Dave Fourth
Thomas Gutmann
Joe Ortaldo
Lee Poe

Agency Liaisons:

Jeff Joyner, SCDHEC
Scott Simons, SCDHEC
Rob Pope, EPA – *Conf. Call*

Welcome and Introduction:

Committee Chair Tom Barnes opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and reviewing the committee’s purpose. He asked everyone to introduce themselves, including online attendees. He provided a recommendation status update and stated that recommendations 315 and 317 were open. He announced the next FD&SR meeting was scheduled for October 21, 2014. He introduced Ms. Candice Freeman, Department of Energy – Savannah River Site (DOE-SR), to begin her presentation.

Presentation: Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay – Candice Freeman, DOE-SR

Ms. Freeman said the purpose of her presentation was to fulfill a 2014 FD&SR Work Plan topic by providing a status update on the Wetland Area at Dunbarton Bay (WADB) in support of the Steel Creek Integrator Operable Unit (IOU). She showed where the WADB was located and noted its close proximity to P-Area. Ms. Freeman provided information about the historical overflow of ash from P-Area into the WADB. She said the ash in the WADB ranged from one to three feet deep. She said the cleanup objective was to prevent IOU onsite workers from being exposed to risk-exceeding surface soil contaminants. Ms. Freeman said the selected remedy involved removing 22,000 cubic yards of ash and contaminated soil from the P-Area Ash Basin to the end of the 100-foot buffer around Dunbarton Bay. She said the waste would be transferred off-site to an approved containment facility. She stated land use controls such as signs, site use permit requirements, and work controls, would be implemented. She showed current pictures of the WADB stating Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) conducted studies of the WADB and nearby Bay 100. Ms. Freeman explained the study found the number of species living in WADB was comparable to the reference bay, which indicated the ash was not affecting biodiversity of reptiles and amphibians. Ms. Freeman said the Record of Decision was scheduled to be issued in August of 2015 and Remedial Action (RA) Start would begin in November of 2016; however, she explained the ROD issuance and RA Start for WADB were delayed to allow DOE to commit resources to the D-Area ash project. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Committee Discussion:

Committee Chair Barnes introduced one draft recommendation titled, “Technical Assessment of DOE Savannah River Site-Sponsored Radionuclide Monitoring Efforts in the Central Savannah River Area.” CAB Vice Chair Harold Simon provided grammatical suggestions. Ms. Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR, suggested the CAB reconsider the proposed dates within the draft recommendation. Committee Chair Barnes said he would serve as the Recommendation Manager for the draft recommendation. He also said he would like the draft recommendation to be discussed at the November 2014 Full Board meeting. You can listen to this discussion on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Public Comments

CAB member Barnes adjourned the FD&SR Committee meeting.

The next FD&SR Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014, from 6:30-8:20 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC.

**The online recording of this meeting is located on the CAB’s website at:
cab.srs.gov**