

Summary Notes–June 23, 2014
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic & Legacy Management (S&LM) Committee held a meeting on Monday, June 23, 2014, from 4:30-6:20 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 updates about the SRS budget and the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB:

Clint Nangle – S&LM Chair
Robert Doerr – S&LM Vice Chair
Dr. Marolyn Parson – CAB Chair
Harold Simon – CAB Vice Chair
George Snyder

Stakeholders:

Clint Wolfe
Nancy Bobbitt
Dan Burnfield
Liz Goodson
Karen Patterson

DOE/Contractors/Others:

Sandra Waisley, DOE-SR
Avery Hammett, DOE-SR
Rich Olsen, DOE-SR
Angelia Adams, DOE-SR
Bill Taylor, DOE-SR
Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR
Kim Cauthen, SRNS
Larry Ling, SRR
Tom Coleman, AREVA
James Tanner, Time Solutions, LLC
Ashley Whitaker, Time Solutions, LLC

Agency Liaisons:

Diedre Lloyd, EPA – *Conf. Call*
Rob Pope, EPA – *Conf. Call*
Greg Mason, SCDHEC
Scott Simons, SCDHEC

Welcome and Introduction:

CAB member Clint Nangle welcomed everyone, and stated the meeting was being streamed online. He reviewed the agenda before he introduced Mr. Doug Hintze, Department of Energy-Savannah River (DOE-SR), to begin his presentation.

Presentation: Savannah River Site Budget Update – Doug Hintze, DOE-SR

Mr. Hintze said the purpose of his presentation was to fulfill a 2014 S&LM Work Plan topic by providing an update of the SRS budget environment and planned accomplishments for fiscal years (FY) 2014 and 2015.

He stated that DOE had a lapse of appropriations from October 1 to October 17, 2013, which meant very little scope was completed during October. He said there was a continuing resolution (CR) through January 15, 2014 and final appropriations were not approved until January 18, 2014. Mr. Hintze explained that even though the appropriations were approved, the appropriations still had to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and a portion sent to DOE, before DOE-SR received a final amount. He said since DOE-SR could not determine what scope to “ramp up” until March, which significantly impacted scope that DOE could accomplish. Mr. Hintze stated the FY 2014 Congressional Request was \$1.209 billion dollars and the actual appropriations was \$1.255 billion dollars, which resulted in \$46 million dollar increase at SRS. He discussed major areas within the SRS Cleanup Program before discussing a chart titled, “FY 2015 SRS Environmental Management Budget Request.” Mr. Hintze explained that 11C Nuclear Materials (NM), 12 Used Nuclear Fuel (UNF), 13 Solid Waste, 30 Soil and Groundwater Remediation were the SRS Risk Management Operations Program Baseline Summaries (PBS). He explained how PBS 14 Liquid Waste (LW) included individual control points, or “buckets” of money. He also discussed the amount of funding for PBS 100 Community and Regulatory Support and PBS 20 Safeguards and Security. He said DOE-SR submitted the FY 2015 budget request to Congress in February 2014; however, he said DOE had heard possibilities of a CR, which meant an appropriations might not be available at the beginning of the year. He listed and explained FY 2014 and 2015

planned accomplishments for PBS 11 NM, PBS 12 UNF, PBS 13 Solid Waste, PBS 14 LW, PBS 20 Safeguards and Security, and PBS 30 Soil and Groundwater Remediation. He then listed planned accomplishments for FY 2015 for PBS 11, 12, 13, 14, and 30. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Presentation: Update on the Environmental Management National Laboratory – Terry Michalske, SRNL

Dr. Michalske said the purpose of his presentation was to satisfy a 2014 S&LM Work Plan topic by providing an update on the business status and direction of SRNL. He provided pictures from the ten year anniversary of SRNL being designated Environmental Management national laboratory. He explained the difference between “single purpose” and “multi-program” national laboratories before listing companies, universities, and federal agencies SRNL supported. He said SRNL was a “multi-program” laboratory with approximately 825 employees, and was voted the safest national laboratory in the DOE complex. He discussed SRNL’s core competencies and explained how SRNL focused its technology on Environmental Stewardship, National Security, and Clean Energy. He provided pictures of SRNL facilities for managing radioactive and non-radioactive materials. Dr. Michalske explained that SRNL was critical to DOE’s success and had a worldwide reputation. He said SRNL’s national and nuclear security efforts extended beyond SRS stating that SRNL had worked with 52 countries. He said hydrogen research, safe nuclear fuel, wind energy, natural gas, and solar research were ways SRNL contributed to regional clean energy initiatives. He provided an overview of new technologies being developed at SRNL before describing how SRNL promoted future economic growth. Dr. Michalske said SRNL was a national asset. He listed accomplishments and current testing programs being developed. He stated that a congressional committee was determining the effectiveness of all the national laboratories; however, he said his goal was to provide a laboratory that was irreplaceable to customers. He stated in the future he hoped SRNL could expand the Environmental Management business roles, innovate approaches to nuclear materials management, apply SRNL’s core competencies to targeted clean energy business opportunities, and further expand support to national security customer base. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Committee Discussion:

CAB member Bob Doerr mentioned developing a recommendation to support SRNL financially. CAB Chair Parson said since there was a congressional committee evaluating all the national laboratories, the recommendation’s objective should address SRNL’s effectiveness, unique abilities, and national importance. CAB member Nangle said the recommendation should address having the manpower to keep developing technologies at SRNL. CAB member Doerr suggested including how SRNL supported local industries. CAB member Nangle said a draft recommendation would be ready for discussion at the August 26 S&LM Committee meeting. He then postponed discussion of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) letter for the next committee meeting.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

CAB member Nangle adjourned the S&LM Committee meeting.

The next S&LM Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014, from 4:30-6:20 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