

Summary Notes – December 1, 2015  
Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)  
Nuclear Materials (NM) Committee Meeting

The NM Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, from 6:30 – 8:20 pm, at the New Ellenton Community Center in New Ellenton, SC. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts and posted to the CAB website and YouTube page. The purpose of this meeting was to receive updates on the Point of Contact status and Operational Pause status. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

<u>CAB:</u>  David Hoel Virginia Jones Daniel Kaminski Larry Powell Harold Simon Nina Spinelli	<u>DOE/Contractors/Others:</u>  Maxcine Maxted, DOE-SR Tony Polk, DOE-SR de’Lisa Carrico Tim Bolen, SRNS Wyatt Clark, SRNS Jimmy Winkler, SRNS Kristin Huber, SRNS Lindsey MonBarren, SRNS Kim Cauthen, SRNS Bill Bates, SRNL Tina Watson, Time Solutions James Tanner, Time Solutions	<u>Agency Liaisons:</u>  Tom Rolka, SCDHEC Greg Mason, SCDHEC  <u>Stakeholders:</u>  Frances Close, SRS Watch Tom Clements: SRS Watch
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Committee Welcome: Larry Powell, Chair

Mr. Powell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Point of Contact Status Update: Maxcine Maxted, DOE-SR

Ms. Maxted reported the status of each project.

Operational Pause Update: Jimmy Winkler, SRNS

Mr. Winkler presented the details of the incident that led to the Operational Pause. He reviewed the project flow, the specific occurrence, the root cause analysis results, anticipated corrective actions, and the path forward. Mr. Winkler’s presentation is attached to the meeting minutes.

Committee Discussion

Committee members presented Mr. Winkler with a variety of questions regarding the details of the incident, aftermath, analyses, corrective actions, and path forward. Topics discussed included the canisters, pre-job briefing, training particulars, risk to public/environmental safety, experience level of crew, management concerns, and team motivations.

Mr. Winkler offered to present the information to the full CAB board at the next full board meeting. [ACTION ITEM]

Draft Recommendation: "Update on Environmental Assessment for German Highly-Enriched Uranium"

Nina Spinelli, Committee Member, reviewed the recommendation and discussed the status of changes, particularly the EA and the public comment period. Maxcine Maxted, DOE-SR noted that the EA can be requested through the work plan process rather than a recommendation. The Committee discussed whether or not the draft Recommendation should be written as a work plan item or as a position paper. The Committee agreed to move forward with the Recommendation and discussed specific revisions to the document with input from Tom Clements, SRS Watch.

Public Comment

Joe Allan, public, in regard to the Operational Pause, asked if the procedures of the process were adequate and if the response of crew members was incorporated into the records of the review.

Mr. Winkler responded that the procedure was adequate, but the crew chose to violate it.

Tom Clements, SRS Watch, requested information on what role time pressure played in the incident.

Pat McGuire, DOE-SR, reassured Mr. Clements and those gathered that the goal of DOE, SRS, etc., is to never allow production goals to override safety concerns.

Mr. Powell adjourned the NM Committee meeting.

The next NM Committee meeting will be held April 12, 2016, 6:30 – 8:20 pm, at the New Ellenton Community Center in New Ellenton, SC.

The online recording of this meeting can be located on the CAB website at: [cab.srs.gov](http://cab.srs.gov)