

SRS Citizens Advisory Board Chair Update

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Welcome

- Welcome to our May Full Board Meeting in Augusta, GA



Public Comments

- Board Meetings Open to Public
- Public Comment Periods Provided at **Every** Meeting
- Public can also e-mail comments to:
 - srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov



Monitoring Beginning in GA

- Researchers starting an environmental monitoring program in the Georgia community of Shell Bluff (south of Augusta on the Savannah River, near a nuclear power plant and a federal nuclear facility). Some residents are worried about the potential for contamination.





Monitoring Beginning in GA

- Savannah River Ecology Laboratory will conduct tests on soil, water and food beginning later this year, and work with local middle schoolers, to teach them about environmental monitoring and get them involved in the project.
- The U.S. EPA is focusing on community outreach in the area. And the advocacy group Georgia Women's Action for New Directions is collaborating with SREL.

<http://wabe.drupal.publicbroadcasting.net/post/monitoring-beginning-ga-community-near-nuclear-sites>

Budget

- 22 cents of every dollar of the \$6.5 billion requested by U.S. DOE Office of Environmental Management is earmarked for the Savannah River Site.
- Full text of 2018 Congressional budget proposal reserves \$1.448 billion for SRS cleanup operations (second highest among all DOE sites)
- Direct maintenance and repair at SRS estimated at 155.5 million. Liquid tank waste management system expenditures make up the largest portion of the EM's 2018 budget request.

Budget

- The budget includes funding for three line-item construction projects:
 - Salt Waste Processing Facility (\$150 million);
 - Saltstone Disposal Unit No. 7 (\$44 million) and
 - Saltstone Units No. 8 and 9 (\$1 million), totaling \$195 million



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

2017 CAB Goals



- Be good stewards of the opportunity to serve on the SRS CAB and learn about site activities and goals from first-hand, expert sources
- Receive input from each CAB member
- More public involvement (tours and events)
- Continue recommendations to DOE to express suggestions and ideas
- New technologies always emerging, which can be valuable to SRS CAB

CAB Membership: A Responsibility



- As Citizens Advisory Board members you have:
 - The Mandate
 - The Opportunity
- To represent the interests and the views of the people of South Carolina and Georgia.
- Focus your thinking and views on how you can best carry out that role.
- Continually ask yourself, “Am I doing the best I can to represent my fellow citizens?”
- Go out and tell the world that you are a CAB member.