



The Board Beat Magazine

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Working Together to Educate and Inform the
Communities Surrounding the Savannah River Site!



CAB member group photo, Sept. 2015
Not all members were available for the photo.

The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board is a public board and its mission is to study issues affecting the Savannah River Site in order to provide informed recommendations, from the public's perspective, to the Department of Energy concerning Environmental Management work in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

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The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) extends a big "thank you" to everyone that helped make this magazine possible. To all the CAB members who submitted ideas and articles, to all the presenters and managers who make Full Board and Committee meetings meaningful, to the Board's agency liaisons, and to the Department of Energy (DOE) for continued support, as we, the members of the SRS CAB, serve this very important role for DOE and our communities.

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Message from the Chair - Harold Simon



Harold Simon
CAB Chair

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board is a part of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), a stakeholder board that provides the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) and designees with advice, information, and recommendations on issues affecting the EM program at SRS.

The CAB also serves as a conduit for the public to convey their concerns to the Department of Energy (DOE) SR and the DOE EM on potential impact of the nuclear materials, high level radioactive liquid waste and other activities that are processed and reported to be temporarily safely stored at SRS pending the siting and completion of a permanent deep geological repository.

The CAB holds public meetings bi-monthly in the affected communities to provide access to the public to share their concerns and participate in the discussion with the CAB. The CAB has collaborated as a team to convey the public's concerns to DOE EM and DOE SR

To successfully accomplish the scope of its EM mission, the CAB must ensure the board members are properly trained and developed to identify and assess the potential impact of the activities at SRS to the local communities and the environment. To fulfill this requirement, the CAB submitted a proposal in January 2015 to DOE SR to develop a comprehensive training and development program for Board members. This program will also reinforce its outreach program to educate the public on the issues at SRS.

On September 30, 2015 SRS sponsored a Site tour for members of the CAB. The agenda included an overview and tour of the following facilities: L Basin, H Canyon, 717-F, H Canyon Mock-Up, and 235-F Mock-Up. This was an excellent tour. DOE and Contractor subject matter experts were well prepared and I was extremely impressed with the safety culture practiced during our visit to the facilities listed above. I encourage members of the CAB to participate on future tours to gain a better perspective on how nuclear materials and waste are processed and safely stored at SRS.

I would like to thank members of the CAB Support Team and the audiovisual staff for their dedication, and commitment in support of the Board. They quietly work behind the scenes to provide valuable service and advice to the CAB so that we can accomplish our mission.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board members for their stellar performance and accomplishments in 2015, and working together as a team. As we start the new year (January 2016) I challenge each member to be fully engaged with the responsibilities of his/her respective committee so that we can fulfill the annual requirements of our Work Plan, and our mission to provide the Assistant Secretary for EM and designees with advice, information, and recommendations on issues affecting the EM program, and to convey the public's concerns on the issues at SRS.

Harold Simon



The SRS CAB Tours Archaeology and Curation Facilities

The SRS CAB toured the Archaeology department and the Curation facility on July 8, 2015. Here are a few photos from that tour!



The SRS CAB Tours Archaeology and Curation Facilities



DOE-SR Hosts Information POD in Aiken, SC

As part of an education and outreach initiative, the Department of Energy-Savannah River (DOE-SR) hosted an Information POD in Aiken, South Carolina on the morning of October 28, 2015. This was the second Information POD that DOE-SR has hosted in the past year. The POD began with an hour-long poster session. During the second half of the event there were four presentation sessions that included topics such as Nuclear Materials Management, the Savannah River National Laboratory, Environmental Monitoring and Restoration, and Waste Management. All presentations were rated by attendees as “Excellent” or “Good,” the poster session was rated “Excellent,” and the overall POD was rated as “Helpful” by attendees. Below are photos of the event. Thanks to everyone who attended the Information POD!



TREAT Workshop



For 21 years DOE-SR has partnered with Savannah State University (SSU) on a DOE-HQ funded Environmental Justice (EJ) grant. The Environmental Protection Agency Region IV has also been a collaborative partner since 2002 with support from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

One of the grant activities is the Teaching Radiation Energy and Technology (TREAT) Workshop. These workshops provide local stakeholders with a critical conduit for growing knowledge and networking, which in turn, raises awareness, builds skills, expands opportunities, and ultimately, benefits our community at large. Equally, DOE also recognizes the importance of an informed public and the value in building on partnerships with our regulators, academia and our local government and business leadership.

Recently Eleanor Hopson participated in a TREAT workshop in Augusta, GA. In her capacity as Chair of the Administration and Outreach Committee, she distributed CAB handouts and spoke about the annual membership drive and the necessity for diversity among the Board members. Her participation and encouragement was well received.

STEM Career Connections Day
Written by Eleanor Hopson, CAB Member



Many students had the opportunity to attend STEM Career Day at the KROC Center in Augusta, GA on October 22, 2015 as they celebrated Nuclear Science Week October 19-23, 2015. Most of the high schools in the Central Savannah River Area were represented by eager scholars who wanted to learn more about careers in the environmental, technical, digital, and nuclear world that we reside in. The STEM Career Connections Day was an interactive forum for regional Georgia and South Carolina counties (Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell)

high school juniors and seniors considering a career pathway that involves science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills. The participating Board members explained the purpose and mission of the CAB and the student involvement program to the participants as they visited the information display. Brochures, membership applications, and flyers were distributed. Contact information was collected for future communication with interested citizens, educators, and students.

In his Pedagogic Creed of 1897, John Dewey, American philosopher, psychologist, and educational reformer said that education needs to be part of community life. He often referred to education happening in many places outside of the classroom. Like Dewey's philosophy, in-class and out-of-class experiences have significant positive effects on the development of critical thinking skills (Freeman, 2010). The students learned about the future local career opportunities and interacted with professionals in high-tech industries to include nuclear technology, information technology, advanced manufacturing and more.



The SRS CAB student involvement program mission is to inform and instruct high school and college students on matters pertaining to activities of the CAB, the development of leadership skills and the development of presentation skills. Students will be invited to bi-monthly CAB meetings to observe, ask questions and participate in the discussion of various meeting topics. This program is especially oriented toward students who wish to pursue careers in science, technology, social science, engineering, and mathematics.



2016 CAB Full Board Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 25-26	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
March 28-29	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
May 23-24	To Be Decided Savannah, GA
July 25-26	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809
September 26-27	To Be Decided
November 14-15	New Ellenton Community Center 212 Pine Hill Avenue New Ellenton, SC 29809

Join us for a SRS CAB Committee Meeting in 2015!

Upcoming CAB committee meetings:

Dec. 1:

Waste Management

4:30-6:20 p.m.

Nuclear Materials

6:30-8:20 p.m.

Dec. 8:

Strategic & Legacy Management

4:30-6:20 p.m.

Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation

6:30-8:20 p.m.

Can't make it to a committee meeting in person? Consider joining us online in real time! For more details, please visit the CAB's website:

cab.srs.gov

CAB Members Attend Nuclear Material Focused Tour

Written by: Nina Spinelli, CAB Vice Chair

On September 30, 2015, SRS CAB members attended a personalized tour of the site, including stops at L-Area, F-Area, and H-Canyon.

Over the course of the day, CAB members visited various Nuclear Material facilities. In F-Area, they saw mock up facilities for a H-Canyon cell and the 235-F risk reduction glovebox work. The CAB also had a chance to walk through H-Canyon and see the workings of the facility, which is the only chemical processing facility of its kind at the Department of Energy or in the United States. The CAB heard about the long history of H-Canyon and its current missions, including processing of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Plutonium oxide material for use in MOX. One of the historical missions for H-Canyon included producing material for long-term storage, and heat generating batteries used for space exploration in the NASA Cassini mission to Saturn.

Standing in L-Basin after spending three years learning about the facility on the CAB, really puts the magnitude of the project into perspective. The pride the workers take in what they do and the passion they have for their work was evident as they shared updates about their projects. The time and energy put into organizing the tour is very much appreciated and helps to add a whole new depth of understanding for the daily operations that occur at SRS.



CAB Uses New Facility

This year the CAB began holding the majority of its meetings at the Community Center in New Ellenton, SC.

The Community Center is a new facility for the city that opened in late 2014. By supporting the local city, the Board hopes to engage new audiences and show their dedication to outreach in small SRS-affected communities.

The facility has two breakout rooms and one large meeting room. Additionally, New Ellenton provides coffee and water, to help round out the usefulness of the building.



New Ellenton Community Center



New Ellenton recently improved the building even further by installing a drop down projector screen.

The CAB will continue to use the New Ellenton Community Center for all committee meetings, and many Full Board meetings, in 2016.

Join us in New Ellenton, South Carolina at 212 Pine Hill Avenue.

The Citizens Advisory Board Allows Two Position Statements to Expire in September 2015



CAB position statements are statements developed by the CAB on site functions and activities that express how the Board generally stands on those topics. The agreement of the position may not include the opinion of all CAB members, but must represent the majority. These position statements can be used as written talking points by CAB members to readily express the Board's opinion on a topic and must fall within its work scope. Position statements do not require a response from the Department of Energy.

Since implementing the use of position statements in 2012, the SRS CAB has adopted several, all of which can be found online on the CAB's website. During the CAB's September 2015 CAB meeting in New Ellenton, the Board allowed two position statements titled, "The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the President's 2015 Budget Proposal," and "The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the Savannah River National Laboratory" to expire because they had become irrelevant.

To read the expired position statements in their entirety, please check out the following links:

- The SRS Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the President's 2015 Budget Proposal:
<http://cab.srs.gov/library/positions/2015budget.pdf>
- The SRS Citizens Advisory Board's Position on the Savannah River National Laboratory:
http://cab.srs.gov/library/positions/srscab_srnl.pdf

SREL Director Receives Award

Olin E. Rhodes, Jr., director of the University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Laboratory and professor in UGA's Odum School of Ecology, has been named a TWS fellow, or a fellow of The Wildlife Society, by the Wildlife Society Council, the governing body of the organization.

The award is given for distinguished service in the profession and active involvement in the organization. TWS Fellows serve as lifetime ambassadors, promoting The Wildlife Society and the profession through outreach activities.

Rhodes, a certified wildlife biologist, previously served as assistant director of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's National Wildlife Center in Fort Collins, Colorado. He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work in wildlife research, including the 2008 TWS Professional Award of Merit, north central section. Rhodes has also authored numerous publications addressing issues of wildlife concern.



Dr. Rhodes presents to the CAB in September 2014

The TWS Fellow award will be presented to Rhodes at The Wildlife Society's annual conference in Winnipeg, Canada, later this month.

Drafting a Recommendation

Written by: Nina Spinelli, CAB Vice Chair



The function of the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board is to provide advice, information, and recommendations on issues of clean-up, waste management, and disposition of materials to the Department of Energy. Some of the most public features of the CAB are the recommendations put forward by the Board. Recommendations serve as the public record of the Board and illustrate the CAB's standing on issues related to site activities.

Recommendations can be brought forward by any board member and come about in a variety of ways. Typically, recommendations come from topic presentations made by the Department of Energy at CAB meetings that resonate with a member. A CAB member will work within the individual committee and craft a recommendation based upon DOE information and individual research. The recommendation is discussed at the committee level and if agreed upon by the committee, it is brought to the full CAB meeting for discussion. The Full-Board may then vote to formalize the recommendation and send it to the Department of Energy, or decide that perhaps the recommendation is not right for the board and return it back to the committee for further discussion.

After the Department of Energy receives the formal recommendation, they will respond to it by breaking down accepted pieces and the steps they will take to bring those recommendations into practice. Currently, for 2015, the Board has put forward eight recommendations, with six having received responses from the Department of Energy.

Recommendations are maintained online at the CAB website (cab.srs.gov) and show the record of the CAB's work and thoughts on clean-up activities of the site in South Carolina.

How can you connect with the CAB?

Search for #SRSCAB to find us on any of these social media sites!



You can sign up for text message reminders for upcoming meetings!

Text "@cabm" to "81010".



The SRS CAB is always looking for new members to join the Board!

Do you live in an area affected by cleanup activities at SRS? Would you be interested in learning about SRS and working as a team to help inform local communities? If the answer is "yes," you would be perfect for the SRS Citizens Advisory Board. We are currently recruiting new members to the CAB for the next term.

Please fill out an application at:

<http://cab.srs.gov>

You can email us at:

srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov

Or you can give us a call at :
803-952-7884 or (800-249-8155)



As a CAB member, one of these seats could be yours at CAB Full Board Meetings. Join us and have a seat!

Take a Look: Full Board Meetings

A snapshot of presenters, CAB members, and more May 2015 - September 2015



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A snapshot of presenters, CAB members, and more May 2015 - September 2015



The EMSSAB Chairs' Meeting was Held in New Mexico on September 2-3



EMSSAB members listen to a presentation during their tour of LANL.

The most recent Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB) Chairs' Meeting was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 2-3, 2014. A tour of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) was held on September 1st. At EMSSAB Chairs' Meetings, the Board chairs and vice chairs from each site come together to talk through issues that affect each Board.

The Chairs' Meeting, which is held twice a year at rotating Environmental Management sites, had a full agenda, with presentations on the Environmental Management Program, budget priorities across the Environmental Management

complex, waste disposition, and Environmental Management Acquisition and Project Management. There was also time for product development where Board recommendations were produced.

The SRS CAB's chair, Harold Simon, and Waste Management Committee Chair, Earl Sheppard were in attendance and represented the SRS CAB.



The EMSSAB chairs and vice chairs take a photo during the LANL tour.

Grouting Complete for Closure of 7th SRS Waste Tank Press release originally posted on srs.gov

The final pouring of grout into Tank 16 at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS) was completed, ahead of schedule. It is the seventh underground radioactive high-level waste storage tank operationally closed at the Site, and the fifth tank closed since 2012.

Soon after Tank 16's operational closure, the field work for grout preparation on Tank 12 was completed. Tank 12 will be the next older style tank to be operationally closed with grouting expected to begin no later than February 2016.

Jack Craig, DOE-Savannah River Manager, said the liquid waste work ongoing at SRS is a significant step in reducing the risk of exposure and contamination to the public, workers, and the environment.

"Safely treating and disposing of legacy nuclear waste and closing older style waste tanks is a top priority for DOE," Craig said. "I congratulate all involved in the closure of Tank 16, and we look forward to grouting Tank 12 soon."

Workers at Savannah River Remediation placed nearly 6,300 cubic yards of grout into the Tank 16 primary tank and systems from June 2 through September 22. Closure is the culmination of several extensive preparation and isolation activities, where the placement of grout to fill up the entire tank and all internal tank components is the final step.

Tank 16 is the first tank that has been closed in H Area and is also the first closure of a Type II tank. Type II tanks are among the oldest at the Site, having been constructed between 1955 and 1956. This tank is 85-feet in diameter and has a storage capacity of approximately 1 million gallons.

Tank 16 was closed ahead of the October 27, 2015, deadline in the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) between DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The other high-level waste storage tanks that have been closed are located in F Area: tanks 5 and 6 closed in 2013; tanks 18 and 19 closed in 2012; and tanks 17 and 20 closed in 1997.



Workers make preparations for the closure of Tank 16.

SRNS Takes on New Environmental Cleanup Challenge: Coal-Fired Ash
 News Release and picture originally posted online by SRNS

A mammoth, 1950s-era, coal-fired power plant now sits cold and dark in a largely closed industrial area within the sprawling Savannah River Site. Owned by the U.S. Department of Energy, whose primary contractor is Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the powerhouse may be quiet and still; however, nearby, SRNS employees are rapidly preparing for the cleanup of huge quantities of ash, generated over the decades by the same facility.



SRNS employees have begun a five-year project to fully restore 90 acres, located within D-Area, by remediating approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of ash.

“Coal ash represents a potential risk to human health and the environment,” said Chris Bergren, Director, Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects. “Cleaning up this particular site is in the best interest of the environment, SRS and the State of South Carolina. This is particularly true given the age of the earthen berms created to make the pond-like basins historically used to store the ash.”

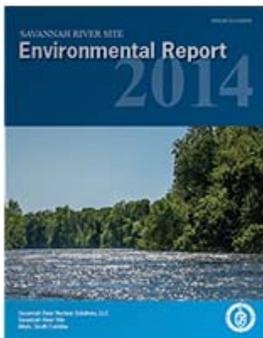
SRNS personnel will use their extensive experience and specialized knowledge involving environmental cleanup to place an ash landfill and much of the three adjacent water and ash-filled basins in a long term, environmentally safe condition. A portion of this 90-acre cleanup site will also be graded and formed into a storm water collection area.

Full restoration of the 90 acres, located within the Savannah River Site’s D Area, is expected to take five years. Removing tens of millions of gallons of water contained within the basins is now taking place.

The next phase will involve heavy equipment, used to consolidate approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of ash within two designated locations at the work site. Clean fill dirt will then be placed in the basins and on the ash landfill.

Once ash consolidation is complete, two layers of clay will form a water impermeable barrier that will be covered by nearly two feet of new soil and planted with grass to finish the remediation process. The project is expected to be completed by June of 2019. Since becoming the management and operating contractor at SRS in 2008, SRNS has achieved the cleanup of 85 percent of the site’s area to industrial standards with approval from local and federal regulatory agencies.

2014 Monitoring Report States SRS Environmentally Safe Excerpt and picture originally posted online



Last year, the SRS continued to safely complete goals related to its missions while maintaining its record of environmental excellence. The site’s radioactive and chemical discharges during 2014 were well below federal, state and DOE regulations and standards, set to protect the public, environment and site workers. Employees of the SRS prepare an Annual Site Environmental Report (ASER) in accordance with DOE requirements. This report provides detailed information regarding environmental conditions at SRS for the calendar year in review and is available for use by the public and SRS regulators.

The report summarizes SRS’s environmental data; environmental sustainability performance; compliance with applicable DOE, federal and state regulations; and remediation and surveillance monitoring programs.

SRS has monitored environmental conditions since the site was built in the early 1950s and has prepared an ASER for more than five decades. A condensed version of the ASER, referred to as the Summary Report, is also available. The Summary Report, written with a minimum of technical terminology, is used to provide information the public in support of SRS’s educational and community outreach programs. Both the Savannah River Site Environmental Report for 2014 and the summary are available online at: <http://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/ERsum/index.html>

Recommendation # 330

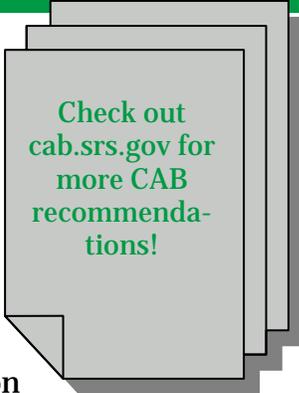
Funding Increases for Processing Materials at SRS

Adopted: May 19, 2015

Status: Open

The SRS CAB recommends that the Department of Energy:

1. Work with appropriate agencies to increase the rates for any SNF and materials shipped to SRS to allow for cost recovery by EM.
2. Request NNSA to provide funding to EM for the processing and disposition of any SNF, especially for SNF from the other-than-high-income countries.
3. Apply resulting funding income to repair, replace and improve infrastructure at SRS, which store and process said nuclear materials.



Check out
cab.srs.gov for
more CAB
recommendations!

Recommendation # 331

Improve Public Participation

Adopted: July 28, 2015

Status: Open

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board recommends that the Department of Energy:

1. Hold SRS CAB meetings in a more geographically diverse manner to allow counties affected by SRS to host more regional meetings and enable the greatest public participation. Reinstate SRS CAB meetings in Hilton Head, SC, Columbia, SC and Augusta, GA on a frequent basis to enhance the public's opportunity to actively participate and share their concerns with the CAB.
2. Maximize efforts to attract public participation in CAB meetings. This should include updated electronic/social media information, newspaper information, and enhancing ways to advertise CAB meetings through city and county council notifications. Opportunities for public participation via telephone and the internet should be enhanced.
3. Restore funding to improve advertising of full-board and committee meetings to broadly notify the public. Advertising, at minimum, should include newspaper(s) in the host city of the meeting.
4. Enable CAB representation when planning SRS local public education and outreach events, such as Information Pods, Environmental Justice meetings, public tours of SRS, Earth Day exhibits, etc.

Recommendation # 332

Health Effect Reporting by the Savannah River Site

Adopted: September 22, 2015

Status: Pending

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board recommends that the Department of Energy:

1. Continues to work with the CDC and ATSDR to effectively report the health and environmental effects of clean-up and related activities performed by SRS.
2. Work with the CDC and ATSDR to make available copies of the ATSDR Public Health Assessment at Environmental Justice Meetings, CAB Meetings and future outreach meetings.

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SRS CAB Recommendations Adopted Since May 2015

Recommendation # 332, continued....

3. Take into consideration the next step recommendations by the ATSDR and implement those recommendations as best as possible.
 4. Work with the CDC and ATSDR to condense the findings of the Public Health Assessment and make it readable for the general public, and, when available and feasible, extend an invitation to the ATSDR to attend a CAB meeting and provide an overview of the Public Health Assessment.
 5. Affirms through their continued outreach activities that the health and well-being of the community and environment is of the utmost concern as clean-up activities continue at SRS.
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Recommendation # 333

Timely CAB Notification of SRS Unusual Events and Issues

Adopted: September 22, 2015

Status: Pending

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board recommends that the Department of Energy:

1. Revise the *SRS Emergency Plan* to include notification of the CAB Chair of any unusual events and emergencies that trigger implementation of Section 5.
2. Revise the *SEPC Handbook* notification checklists to include the CAB Chair.
3. Notify the CAB Chair of upcoming visits to SRS by elected officials, dignitaries, and other VIPs.
4. Add or increase the priority of notification by SRS contractors to DOE of unusual events or issues relating to EM missions as an award fee criterion.

All SRS CAB recommendations, and DOE responses, can be found in their entirety on the CAB's website:

cab.srs.gov



SRNS Public Tours Program

In 2015, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC once again offered a limited number of Savannah River Site (SRS) tours for the general public.

Eighteen general site driving tours of SRS were offered to the public in 2015, providing openings for approximately 1,100 people to visit the site. Tour check-in began at 12:30 p.m., at the Aiken County, S.C., Applied Research Center, (located off Highway 278), near the northern boundary of the site. Guests were given an overview presentation safety briefing, tour of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) and general driving tour of the site. The tours conclude at approximately 4:30pm.



Site tours provide an opportunity for those interested in SRS to better understand the Department of Energy's facilities and workers that changed the face of Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale Counties, nearby cities and helped win the Cold War. Guests also learn about facilities supporting future missions of the Savannah River Site.

All tours are free of charge and each will accommodate 50 participants. Tour participants must be 18 years of age or older and must be U.S. Citizens. Two forms of identification are required at check-in the day of the tour. If no internet access is available, individuals may call 803-952-8994 for assistance.

Seats are limited to two individuals per reservation, and participants may reserve only one tour date per year. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The SRS CAB Has Gone Green!



Please help the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) "Go Green" by sending us your email address to add to our CAB database. By receiving email notifications, rather than paper notifications, you will be reducing the CAB's environmental footprint, and helping to save a tree!

Just send us your name, email address and the mailing address currently in our database to:
srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov

Not currently on the CAB's distribution? Send us your email address and we will add you to our list of community citizens that receive routine updates on the CAB that include newsletters, CAB Recommendations, DOE Responses, and more.

Stay Informed With Online Meetings!

With online meetings, we can reach a larger audience.

Online meetings are a viable option for you when coming in person to a meeting is not possible. Just go to the CAB's website, click on "Meeting Recordings," find the appropriate meeting date and join us.



Visit the CAB online at: cab.srs.gov

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Tour of Los Alamos National Laboratory
Written by: Earl Sheppard, CAB Member



The Citizens Advisory Board for SRS has given me the opportunity to experience another first class operation where the Department of Energy is working hard to meet the milestones in the Environmental Management cleanup efforts. When boarding the bus to visit the Bradbury Science Museum I was not sure of what to expect. I felt as if I was leaving a well preserved community that was barely keeping up with modern times, but after traveling for 10 minutes I began to see the real machine that was at work.

When the tour guide started speaking about the areas we were traveling through, and how the mountain range and valleys were affected from the work that was done in the 1950's, I realized that it was much like the Savannah River Site's history but on a much larger scale. Arriving at the museum and actually seeing the documents, films and equipment that was used to help keep us ahead in the beginning of the nuclear age was simply amazing. Everyone was amazed about how advanced the United States was at that time. One could only imagine what we know now about nuclear technology. When the tour bus left the museum, in true form the bus and its passengers were thoroughly checked at the security gates before entering the technical areas, which reminded us again that we were there for a more serious function. We then stopped at a containment center where materials are loaded and shipped for further processing. After completing that brief tour we boarded three smaller buses to head down to the Mortandad Canyon to see the process of using the monitoring wells to retrieve the ground water which is saturated with chromium. The process that they are using is simple but effective. We were advised that we should head out of the canyon because evening thunder storms were approaching fast and safety comes first.

We then visited the Overlook Park where the view of the landscape was breath taking. Everyone took their phones out to capture the amazing sites that were there before us. The last stop before heading back to the hotel was at the Tsirege Pueblo. The tour group met with some of the Elders and the Governor where we joined them in prayer which was conducted in their native language before walking the sacred ground where there are many artifacts and remnants of a thriving community where people once lived and traded daily. Again we had to leave before the tour of the site could be completed because of the thunderstorms that were surrounding the area. We then returned to the hotel where we retired for the evening.

The next morning the EM Site Specific Advisory Boards along with their DOE Associates met to speak on each of their goals and accomplishments for the year. This meeting took place over a couple of days and was very informative for all. The networking that takes place at these meetings is unbelievable. It is amazing to see so many people spread across the United States trying to achieve the same cleanup efforts when it comes to nuclear technology.



Check us out online!

Everything you need to help you understand the issues being reviewed by the SRS CAB can be found on the Board's website:

cab.srs.gov

The CAB's website has copies of recommendations, DOE correspondence, dates of SRS tours, CAB biographies, meeting schedules, position statements, and more.

Search for #SRSCAB on any of these social media networks:



You can sign up for text message reminders for upcoming meetings! Text "@cabm" to "81010".



Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Key criteria for Board membership includes a time commitment and the willingness to study the issues and work toward clear, implementable recommendations.

To apply for membership to the Citizens Advisory Board, please call 1-800-249-8155, or visit the CAB website and complete an application at: cab.srs.gov

Please call, mail, fax, or email your comments and suggestions to:

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Acting Federal Coordinator
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