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Appointment of an NNSA Official to Attend CAB Meetings

Background

During World War II, the United States began a successful program to develop the atomic bomb. After the war, this program mushroomed into a national effort to develop atomic and hydrogen weapons to undergird the nuclear triad and US deterrence and nuclear warfighting strategy. This effort was also successful, but it left behind immense environmental problems, the cost of which have yet to be calculated.

On 1 October 2024, the NNSA becomes the landlord of SRS. EM and CAB have a duty to consider the environmental impact of present and future activities, and hence it would be helpful to receive briefings and be able to ask questions from/of NNSA.

Previously, the SRS CAB recommended *inter alia* that CAB be permitted input into environmental – related matters. The DOE response was positive.

Recommendation

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) of the Savannah River Site (SRS) recommends that Environmental Management (EM) request that the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at SRS appoint an official to liaise with the CAB, attend CAB meetings, and brief the CAB on unclassified NNSA activities with environmental implications.

<sup>1</sup> <https://cab.srs.gov/library/recommendations/Rec%20376%20-%20CAB%20Input%20on%20NNSA%20Transfer.pdf>