



SRS Citizen's Advisory Board

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Soils Consolidation Facility

The Citizens Advisory Board conducted a series of five public meetings in Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head Island, Williston, and North Augusta, South Carolina to enhance citizen input to the budget prioritization process. The results of these meetings have been combined to create a rank order for the nine criteria used in the prioritization process. This revised order reflects stakeholder consensus and is slightly different from the order used to prioritize the 1998 budget.

1. The prioritization criteria were ranked in the following order, based on the five public meetings. (See attached.)
 1. Public Health and Safety
 2. Worker Health and Safety
 3. Safeguards and Security
 4. Environmental Protection
 5. Current Mission Impact
 6. Mission Viability
 7. Regulatory Compliance
 8. Social/Cultural/Economic Impacts
 9. Cost Effectiveness/Mortgage Reduction

Because the Board recognizes that regulatory compliance may be considered in items 1-4 above (Public Health and Safety, Worker Health and Safety, Safeguards and Security, and Environmental Protection), we recommend the following ranking:

1. Public Health and Safety
2. Worker Health and Safety
3. Safeguards and Security
4. Environmental Protection
5. Current Mission Impact
6. Mission Viability
7. Social/Cultural/Economic Impacts
8. Cost Effectiveness/Mortgage Reduction

2. The Board also recommends that the prioritization process in use at the SRS be formalized by creating procedures and training to assure future consistency in application of the process. The Board is comfortable with the competence and consistency of the persons currently performing the prioritization analysis. However, the pace of downsizing and the resulting loss of technical skills creates a concern that this competence could be diluted in the future. Thorough documentation of the process and appropriate training can help assure future consistency, even with new personnel.

3. Finally, the Board recommends that the SRS prioritization process be recommended to DOE Headquarters for potential use throughout the DOE complex. The SRS process showed more sensitivity to changes and stakeholder concerns than the process recommended by DOE-HQ.

Use of a single consistent process throughout the complex would improve inter-site comparisons and facilitate equitable distribution of available funding.

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