



Recommendation No. 38

May 13, 1997

Recommendation on the SRL Seepage Basins

Background

The SRL Seepage Basins were used for the disposal of low-activity waste water from the SRL laboratories until the early 1980s. At that time operations ceased and the low-activity waste normally sent to the basins was instead trucked to the 20 areas for processing. The basins were fenced and studies were done of their contents in the 1980s. Remediation did not take place in the 1980s and still has not occurred. Additional characterization of the contents of the basins has recently been done.

Recommendation

Because the SRL Seepage Basins are located near the SRS boundary, because there is significant residual activity in the basins soils, because there is activity take-up by vegetation growing in the basins, and because the site is highly visible for visitors at SRS, the SRS Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE:

Initiate an early action clean up process for remediation (See CAB Recommendation No. 35, SRS Waste Site Cleanup Actions).

Establish a schedule of events to complete the following actions:

- convene a focus group within 60 days from today to develop the path forward to accelerate a remedial action. This focus group should include a wide cross section of citizens from Georgia and South Carolina as well as DOE, DHEC and EPA representatives
- conduct a public meeting
- develop a plan of action and initiate field clean up work

Report progress at the CAB meetings in July, September and November 1997

Agency Responses

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