



SRS Citizen's Advisory Board

Recommendation No. 40

July 22, 1997

Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Prioritization

Background:

The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee of the SRS Citizens Advisory Board met with representatives of the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SROO) in a public meeting on June 17, 1997 to discuss priorities for the Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 budget. Consensus was reached during the meeting on guidelines for the budget priorities. The DOE SROO response to these Subcommittee guidelines has been prompt and positive; the guidelines have been forwarded to

The Citizens Advisory Board endorses the guidelines and recommends them for use by the DOE in prioritizing programs in the FY 1999 budget:

1. DOE should re-evaluate resources being allocated to low risk items and reallocate the dollars to higher risk items.
2. Funds should be spent to reduce risks to protect the health and safety of the public, workers, and environment.
3. Nuclear material stabilization should be a higher priority than spent fuel shipments, receipt, and storage.
4. Funding for evaluation of spent nuclear fuel alternative technologies should be deferred until higher risk activities are completed.
5. New missions should be financed by the mission sponsors.

Agency Response Summary

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