



Recommendation No. 45

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Environmental Management Integration

The Savannah River Site Citizen's Advisory Board (SRS CAB) has reviewed A Contractor Report to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management Baseline Programs and Integration Opportunities (Discussion Draft) (hereafter referred to as the EM Integration Plan) and commends the U.S. Department of Energy and its contractors for identifying efficiencies that could be realized in the clean-up of the DOE weapons complex. The SRS CAB supports pursuing the initiatives in the plan to determine which are viable. Implementing these initiatives will save taxpayer dollars and result in a quicker clean-up of DOE sites, however, it will require cooperation among and between sites, states, regulatory agencies, EPA regions, AND stakeholders. The SRS CAB understands that several nationally focused groups, including the National Governor's Association, are reviewing the feasibility of the plan. The SRS CAB supports a national review of the document by stakeholders as the logical next step.

However, no national review group has requested input from the SRS CAB on local stakeholders positions. The CAB feels that local stakeholder input early in the decision process is vital to the success of the plan and should include two levels of evaluation:

- a review of the feasibility of the EM Integration Plan as a whole
- a review of the impacts to SRS of each of the elements of the plan which would affect SRS

Additionally, the SRS CAB feels that their conclusions should be identified as such and included formally in any report prepared by National Governor's Association or other nationally focus group.

Therefore, the SRS CAB recommends that DOE-SR forward the SRS CAB's request for stakeholders to participate in the national discussion group(s) to DOE-HQ, and support the SRS CAB in achieving participation early in the process.

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