



Recommendation No. 50

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Early Action Strategy

Background

An Early Action Strategy has been developed by DOE, SCDHEC and EPA in order to streamline the decision process for deciding on early actions to clean up the waste units listed in FFA, Appendix C at SRS. This cooperative effort has resulted in an early action strategy process which is represented in a flow chart (Decision Tree Chart). This Early Action Strategy will become part of the Federal Facility Agreement Implementation Plan.

Recommendation

1. The SRS Citizens Advisory Board commends this effort. The Board strongly supports actions which shorten the time and costs for waste unit investigation and initiation of field work for remediation.
 2. The Board recommends that the public be included in the decision-making process as appropriate to the timing and significance of the Early Action. Public input should be considered in determining the alternative remedial actions and setting the schedule of events.
 3. A focus group including citizens and ex-officio members (e.g., EPA, SCDHEC, and DOE), may be convened to provide input on unique, significant or problematic early actions. The Focus Group(s) should make periodic progress reports to the CAB.
 4. The Board recommends that all FFA Appendix C operable units (OUs) at SRS be considered for early action and that early action proposals be presented to the Board periodically with at least annual updates.
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Copies of the Early Action Strategy flow chart (Decision Tree) are available, Drawing Reference Number GC4920, call 1-800-249-8155 to request a copy.

Agency Responses

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