



Recommendation No. 57

March 24, 1998

Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure

Background

The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee along with the entire Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) has been involved in the process of developing, reviewing and commenting on the drafts of both the National and Site version of the currently named *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure*. The SRS CAB submitted Recommendation No. 41 on July 22, 1997 which contained its comments from the previous draft. This Subcommittee and the entire SRS CAB is keenly interested in having its comments included in any future iterations of the *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure*.

The release on March 2, 1998 of the National and Site *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure* have made it highly improbable for the SRS CAB to receive public comments as well as review the documents and be able to submit a recommendation by the SRS CAB meeting on March 24, 1998. The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee held a meeting on March 19, 1998 and will continue to hold meetings and receive comments.⁽¹⁾ By the end of the public comment period of May 1, 1998, the Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee will have incorporated the public comments into a recommendation to be presented to the SRS CAB at its full Board meeting on May 19, 1998. The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee will also forward a copy of the recommendation to DOE-HQ by the May 1, 1998 date.

Recommendation:

Because of the timing factor between the distribution of the National and Site *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure* and the meeting of the full SRS CAB, the Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee is concerned that the recommendations of

the SRS CAB will not be included in the final version of the *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure*. Therefore, the SRS CAB recommends that:

The public comment period for the *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure* be extended to May 22, 1998 in order to include the recommendations made by the SRS CAB.

(1) Department of Energy, *Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure* (U), Draft, Report DOE/EM-0342, Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, February 1998.

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