



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Environmental Remediation and Waste Management Subcommittee

Meeting Record
March 23, 1998
Folly Island, SC

The CAB ER&WM subcommittee met on March 23, 1998 at the Holiday Inn, Folly Beach, Charleston, SC. CAB members present included, CAB ER&WM subcommittee Co-chairs Bill Lawless and Karen Patterson. Todd Crawford, technical advisor to the CAB was in attendance. Attending from DOE-SR were Tania Smith, Cynthia Anderson, and Gerri Flemming. Ann Ragan attended from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Attending from WSRC/BSRI/BNFI were Sonny Goldston, Paul Sauerborn, Elmer Wilhite, Helen Villazor, Gerry Stejskal, and Paul Huber. Trish McCracken, and Ethan Brown attended from the public.

Karen Patterson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bill Lawless arrived shortly afterwards and proceeded to follow the Agenda as it was written. Bill Boettinger gave a brief overview of the Beneficial Reuse program, its objective being to take SRS radioactive scrap metal (RSM), and either free release the metal or turn it into usable products instead of eventually disposing of it as waste. There were no specific questions at that time. Bill Lawless proceeded to the Beneficial Reuse motion which recommended that further cost analysis be conducted and that the CAB is concerned that from a business perspective the true costs have not been demonstrated. With minor discussion the subcommittee endorsed the motion which was to go forward to the full Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) the next day for review and approval.

The next presentation was on the topic of Composite Analysis for low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities that analyzes the synergistic impact on the public from all significant radioactive waste sources located in the General Separations Areas. Jim Cook and Sonny Goldston presented an overview to preclude Bill Lawless, reading of the motion associated with the Composite Analysis. The motion recommended that the results of the independent technical review followed by a consensus derived by the three agencies. After some discussion of the motion the Subcommittee agreed to move forward in order to have it reviewed and approved by the full CAB.

Ed McNamee presented F-Area Retention Basin remediation plan. Bill Lawless presented the Subcommittee motion which recommended a less expensive approach to the one in the presentation by Ed McNamee. In addition, the motion recommended that in the future all SRS remediation studies include quantitative analyses of the risk remaining after remediation for the most likely alternative and the most probable pathway and exposure scenarios. The Subcommittee agreed to move the motion forward to the full CAB.

Paul Huber gave a presentation on the SRL Seepage Basin remediation plan, which was the basis for the proposed motion which Bill Lawless presented to the Subcommittee. Lawless added that Tim Connor and Brian Costner from the Energy Research Foundation had been notified for comment on the motion. The motion recommended that the three agencies (DOE, EPA and DHEC) reach resolution on the issues of the remediation in order to not jeopardize the March 1999 start of clean-up of the basin. After some discussion the Subcommittee agreed to take the motion forward to the full CAB.

Bill Lawless presented his letter of comment on the DHEC Fish Advisory Fact Sheet For Savannah River. Due to a request for postponement by DHEC, the Subcommittee decided not to make a motion on it at this time. However, the Subcommittee suggested that it be handed out to the full CAB for comment and discussion.

There being no other issues, Mr. Lawless thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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