



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

Environmental Remediation & Waste Management Subcommittee

### **Meeting Record**

**April 14, 1998**

**Savannah Rapids Pavilion, Martinez, GA**

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The CAB ER&WM subcommittee met on April 14, 1998 at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion in Martinez, Ga. CAB members present included, CAB ER&WM subcommittee Co-chairs Bill Lawless and Kathryn May. Todd Crawford, technical advisor to the CAB was in attendance. Attending from DOE-SR were Cynthia Anderson, Phil Prater, Tom Temples, Mike Simmons and Gerri Flemming. Tracy Shelley, Joy Powell, Myra Reece and Craig Marriner attended from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Lynn Waishwell attended from the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP). Jeff Crane attended from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Jim Pope attended from GTS Duratek. Attending from WSRC/BSRI/BNFL were Paul Sauerborn, Elmer Wilhite, Helen Villasor, Gerry Stejskal, Paul Huber, Sandy Carroll, Jim Moore, Ron Socha, Norris Johnson, Keith Dykes, Ron Malanowski, Harry Long, Coleman Miles, Ed McNamee, Leslie Wells, Joan Lang and Don Toddings . Sam Booher, and Jim Kupar attended from the public.

Bill Lawless opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and proceeded to follow the Agenda as it was written. Mike Simmons reviewed the current status of the Savannah River Laboratory (SRL) Seepage Basins, including the timeline from 7/24/97, the date of the first Public Focus Group Meeting up to 4/15/98 when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) and DOE are scheduled to meet for comment resolution and consensus. Mr. Simmons then discussed the remaining work timeline from 5/16/98 until 3/12/99 when remedial action is scheduled to begin. Mr. Simmons explained that the Core Team is also scheduled to participate in a meeting on 4/29/98 for the purpose of trying to resolve the soils and vegetation disposal issue. Bill Lawless asked if there would be an impact on the schedule if the Core Team waits until 4/29/98 for resolution since all three agencies will be required to report back to their senior management for final resolution at the headquarters level. Paul Huber said waiting until 5/15/98 would not impact the milestone.

Sam Booher, a member of the public and a participant in the original Public Focus Group, asked what is the final outcome of the SRL Seepage Basin site and would like to hear recommendations for the final use of the site. Cynthia Anderson responded that the site is included in the Future Land Use Plan. It was also noted that at the original Public Focus Group Meeting, Brian Costner of the Energy Research Foundation (ERF) indicated that ERF would like to see it moved because even if the site is in an industrial area it is close to the site's boundary. However, it was noted that ERF had not expressed any choice and has not taken a position on the issue since the original meeting on 7/24/97.

Once again, Bill Lawless recommended strongly that the milestone must not be impacted. However, Bill Lawless agreed that the ER&WM Subcommittee would wait until 4/29/98 to see if consensus had been reached, and if not, a conference call will be held on 4/30/98 with officials at the headquarters level of all three agencies and members of the subcommittee. Jeff Crane added that regardless of the outcome of the soil disposition issue, streamlining can continue to be achieved. He also noted that DOE agreed with EPA's position that streamlining can be continued. Todd Crawford, the CAB Technical Advisor concluded the discussion by adding that the SRL Seepage Basin/Soils and Vegetation removal issue appears not to be a public health and safety issue but one of regulatory dispute.

**Agreements:** Allow two 3-agency meetings to proceed to resolution; in the event that resolution is not obtained, prepare for a 3-way teleconference with Greg Rudy, Manager SRS, Lewis Shaw, Director DHEC, and John Hankinson, Regional Director EPA; prepare for motion in May.

Coleman Miles gave a brief update and schedule of the D-Area Oil Seepage Basin. He noted to the Subcommittee that the DAOSB was entering a public comment period starting April 25. Bill Lawless directed that a motion be written and presented for review at the May 6 ER&WM Subcommittee Meeting in order to present to the full Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) ON May 18-19, in Savannah, Ga.

**Agreement:** Motion on D-Area Oil Seepage Basin brought before board in May.

The next item discussed was the Savannah River Integrator Operable Unit - Independent Scientific Peer Review (SRIOU-ISPR). Ron Malanowski gave a short time line status. Bill Lawless directed that a motion be developed on the SRIOU for the full CAB in Savannah. Mr. Lawless only stated that he hoped SRIOU was not going to turn into a paper nightmare. Mr. Lawless wanted to proceed on the motion due to Joel Massman having completed his final ISPR report.

**Agreement:** Comments from 3-agencies in 2 weeks; Motion brought to the board in May.

The TNX Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) timeline was presented by Gerry Stejskal. The outcome of her presentation was that there would be a presentation to the Subcommittee sometime in the June time frame on the full scope of the project.

**Agreement:** Motion to the Board in July.

Tracy Shelley from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) presented the SCDHEC Fish Fact Sheet. In her presentation she said that Mercury was the primary driver of the Fish Fact Sheet and that it was a standard practice of the DHEC to list other potential elements that could contribute adversely to the general public health ie. Cesium and Strontium which are also found in the water. Bill Lawless asked that the DHEC consider written comments from the Subcommittee in order to demonstrate the magnitude of the risk associated with the Cesium and Strontium when people read the Fish Fact Sheet. DHEC officials at the meeting agreed to consider the Subcommittee's comments before the final issuance of the Fish Fact Sheet. Bill Lawless asked that information provided by Dr. Joanna

Burger from the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) also be considered.

**Agreement:** Comments from Subcommittee to be collected and submitted to DHEC in two weeks; reviewed in Subcommittee meeting April 27 and May 6 as needed.

Tom Temples addressed the Savannah River Site groundwater strategy. He explained that the purpose of the groundwater strategy was to shorten time for planning, provide for a consistent remedy, increase effectiveness, and simplify the process. He also explained the strategy and methodology. When Tom Temples concluded his presentation Bill Lawless expressed interest in getting an update as to how the program was moving along in approximately 6 months.

**Agreement:** Update scheduled in September or October.

The last presenter was Robert Baker who talked to the F&H Water Treatment System. In his presentation he explained that there have been numerous problems with the systems and that modifications are either in place now or soon to be in the next few weeks to alleviate the problems. Bill Lawless asked that he return and give a status to the Subcommittee in September in order to see if the corrective actions have worked.

**Agreement:** Status rescheduled for September.

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

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