



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### Environmental Remediation and Waste Management Subcommittee

#### **Meeting Summary**

July 26, 1999  
Adam's Mark Hotel  
Columbia, SC

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#### CAB Members

Bill Lawless  
Karen Patterson  
Wade Waters  
Becky Witter  
Georgia Leverett  
P.K. Smith  
Murray Riley  
Brendolyn Jenkins  
Jimmy Mackey  
Bill Vogele

#### Stakeholders

Tod Crawford  
Bill McDonell  
Lee Poe  
Lynn Waishwell, CRESP

#### Regulators

Craig Marriner, SCDHEC  
Jeff Crane, USEPA  
Julie Corkran, USEPA  
Keith Collinworth, SCDHEC  
Julie Jakum, USEPA  
Ken Feely, USEPA  
David Adcock,  
SCDHEC/ESOP

#### DOE/Contractors

Robert S. Grimm Jr., WSRC  
Elmer Wilhite, WSRC  
Gerri Flemming, DOE  
Paul Huber, BSRI  
Paul Sauerborn, WSRC  
Gerry Stejskal, WSRC  
Kim Cauthen, WSRC  
Julie Petersen, DOE  
George Mishra, DOE  
Mary Flora, WSRC  
Virgil Sauls, DOE  
Sonny Goldston, BNFL  
Clay Jones, WSRC  
Brian Hennessey, DOE  
John Reynolds, DOE  
Howard Gnann, DOE  
Tom Temples, DOE

**Public Comments:** Bill Lawless opened the meeting by asking for any public comments. There were no comments.

**Federal Facility Agreement Modification Presentation:** Brian Hennessey presented an explanation of the developments surrounding the FFA modification suspension letter (ref: J.L. Crane and K.A. Collinworth to B. Hennessey dated 5/18/99). Mr. Hennessey provided an overview of the SRS cleanup process noting that under the existing system of submittals, a significant number of iterations are made prior to regulator acceptance. The intent of the suspension is to streamline the document development, review and approval process and while it appears that there will be significant schedule slippages, the effort will actually improve the process and schedule. The regulators (USEPA, SCDHEC) concurred. Jimmy Mackey asked the regulators and Mr. Hennessey what assurances they could provide that the suspension would actually speed up the overall schedule. The regulators and Mr. Hennessey stated that due to the attention being focused on this effort, and the auditability of the impacted projects, both the EPA, SCDHEC and DOE were confident this would be a successful streamlining effort. Mr. Lawless

asked to move forward and have Mr. Jimmy Mackey to review and discuss the draft motion. Following some discussion on the motion and minor clarifications were made.

*Issue: Concern by the ER/WM Subcommittee that the slowdown would impact the overall schedule.*  
*Action: Todd Crawford will make noted changes in the Draft Motion in order to present to the full board the next day.*

**Contractor Replacement/HLW In-Tank Precipitation Replacement:** Wade Waters presented the ITP draft motion and provided additional background information. Several of the CAB members expressed concern regarding the DOE-HQ announcement to replace WSRC on the ITP replacement project. Julie Petersen representing the DOE Office of External Affairs, was asked about the decision to replace the contractor. The CAB questioned the source of the information relative to the decision to replace the contractor for ITP and if there had been an official announcement made by DOE. Julie Petersen, DOE-SR Office of External Affairs, and John Reynolds, DOE-SR HLW, explained that there had not been an official written announcement (i.e., news release) made by DOE. The source of the information derived from an ABC interview with DOE Under Secretary Ernest Moniz on the subject.

*Issue: CAB concerned that replacement of the contractor would slow down the High Level Waste cleanup program.*

*Action: The ER/WM subcommittee will take forward the motion to the full Board for review.*

**Solid Waste System Plan:** Bill Lawless discussed the SW System plan motion. There was little discussion and Mr. Lawless recommended the draft motion be presented to the full Board for a vote.

*Issue: None.*

*Action: The ER/WM subcommittee will take forward the motion to the full board for review and consideration.*

**A&M Northern Sector:** Bill Lawless asked members to review the letter of commendation. It was agreed to take the letter to the full Board for consideration.

*Issue: None.*

*Action: Present the proposed letter of commendation to the full Board.*

**L&P Bingham Pump Outage Pits Proposed Plan:** Mr. Lawless asked attendees to read the draft motion, and prepare any questions to the full Board meeting.

*Issue: None.*

*Action: Present to the full Board tomorrow.*

**Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground Independent Scientific Peer Review (ISPR):** Jimmy Mackey opened discussion on this agenda item. Julie Corkran, questioned why an ISPR was being considered. Brendolyn Jenkins was concerned that the CAB would have to pay approximately \$35,000 with no clear benefit for this effort. After a discussion it was generally agreed that the Subcommittee would recommend obtaining an ISPR for the ORWBG. Lee Poe stated that he believed that when looking at both CERCLA and RCRA he was concerned that RCRA was not being addressed properly for the ORWBG. Another concern by the meeting attendees was the potential for a conflict of interest if the ISPR was awarded to someone on the ORWBG Focus Group. Mary Flora noted that the Executive Committee discussed the conflict of interest issue at its meeting earlier that day and agreed that the perception of a conflict should be avoided, whether it be for the ORWBG or other projects. Ms. Flora said the Executive Committee was concerned that there appeared a potential conflict of interest could exist for the proposed ORWBG ISPR. Mr. Poe stated that if their suspicions were true, then technical folks from the public who currently work on focus groups would not be interested in participating in the future. Mr. Lawless suggested that modifications to the draft motion be incorporated prior to presenting to the full Board and a Request for

Proposal (RFP) be developed to include a wide audience of scientists, in a way that would avoid a conflict or an appearance of a conflict.

*Issue: Public concern over the cost and intent of the ISPR, as well as the potential for a conflict of interest.*

*Action: Todd Crawford to make necessary corrections to the draft motion for presentation to the full Board.*

*Bill Lawless asked for any other public comments. There being none the meeting was adjourned.*

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