



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Environmental Remediation and Waste Management Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

October 7, 1999
Aiken Federal Building
Aiken, SC

CAB Members

Bill Lawless
Jimmy Mackey
Wade Waters
Maria Reichmanis

Stakeholders

Lee Poe
Todd Crawford
Mike Schoener

DOE/Contractors

Gerri Flemming, WSRC
Jim Moore, WSRC
Paul Sauerborn, WSRC
Don Toddings, BSRI

Regulators

None

Public Comments: Bill Lawless opened the meeting by asking for any public comments. There were none.

Schedule Review: Paul Sauerborn presented the latest Environmental Remediation and Waste Management (ER&WM) Subcommittee Matrix for review and comments relative to agenda items for upcoming subcommittee meetings. There was some general discussion by the attendees before moving on with the meeting.

Issues: Can the period of appeal for the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) permit be extended?

Actions: If legally possible, a letter to Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will be sent asking for an extension of the appeal period until November 1, 1999.

ER&WM Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendations Status, Review and Path Forward: Mike Schoener as the CAB Facilitator was asked to present this subject. Mr. Schoener indicated that there was a process in place, however, many subcommittee members were still unfamiliar with using it effectively. Mr. Schoener explained the three categories of a CAB Recommendation. The categories and definitions are

- Pending – The Recommendation has been submitted but responses have not yet been accepted
- Open – Responses have been accepted, but the action(s) is not complete
- Closed – The action(s) in the recommendations have been completed; or the CAB has decided to no longer track the Recommendation

The CAB will formally accept all Recommendation Responses. A Recommendation for acceptance will be made by the responsible Subcommittee. Included in the Recommendation (or as an attachment) will be a statement indicating the desired "closure criteria" for the Recommendation. Any action or activity related to a Recommendation Response action must be communicated to the CAB Administrator to update the database. Any suggestions to close Recommendations will be made to the full Board by the

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The ER&WM Subcommittee agreed to the process presented by Mr. Schoener and proceeded to recommend the following path forward:

- re-status the "pending" Recommendations,
- identify any issues to the Board,
- review the status of "open items" and
- identify action items and assignments.

To get started toward getting the process in motion, Mr. Schoener offered the following. There will be a standing item on the Subcommittee agenda to review Recommendation(s) status, review Responses received from agencies since the last meeting and make Recommendations on acceptance, identify required actions from the Responses, review suggestions to close Recommendations and identify other suggested actions for the full Board. The program managers will be responsible for making a Recommendation on the status update.

Mr. Lawless and others at the meeting were concerned with the lack of written response from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV. Mr. Lawless asked if a letter asking for a response was in order from the full Board. Mr. Schoener stated that a letter should be drafted for review at the next full Board meeting, however, a call to the Agency before the full Board might mitigate the need for the formal letter. The Subcommittee asked that Mr. Schoener contact EPA. Subsequently, Mr. Schoener did contact EPA Region IV and they indicated they were actively working on responses.

Bill Lawless and the Subcommittee reviewed the pending CAB ER&WM Recommendations and identified the Motion Managers. Paul Sauerborn was directed to contact these individuals and get all pertinent information to them in order that they could recommend a change in the current Recommendation status. Bill Lawless requested that this be accomplished on an ongoing basis and presented at future ER&WM meetings starting October 20, 1999. Jimmy Mackey endorsed the concept of having the Motion Manager make a motion to the full Board to change the status of the Recommendations.

The Subcommittee agreed to remove the first public comment period on all future meeting agendas and replace it with a ten-minute Recommendation review.

Issues: The Subcommittee is concerned with the lack of formal response to ER&WM CAB Recommendations.

Actions: Mike Schoener is to contact EPA (completed 10/11/99). A letter from the CAB is to be drafted requesting a written response on all pending and open Recommendations, which will be reviewed and approved at the next full Board meeting.

Issues: The new process requires a point of contact for follow up on the Recommendations.

Actions: Motion Managers are the CAB points of contact. Paul Sauerborn will contact appropriate individuals and make sure they have all appropriate information to update the status of the motions that they presented to the full Board as the Motion Managers.

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

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