



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee**

#### **Meeting Summary**

November 1, 1999  
North Augusta Community Center  
North Augusta, SC

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The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use (RM&FU) Subcommittee met on Monday, November 1, 6:00 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to review the budget status, Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters (HQ) organizational change, the Strategic Plan update, the stewardship trip report, recommendations and review, and hear public comments. Those in attendance were:

#### CAB Members

P.K Smith  
Bill Lawless

#### Stakeholders

Sam Booher  
Todd Crawford  
Lee Poe  
Jennifer Hughes, DHEC  
Brandon Haddock  
Carl Mazzola  
Larry Callair

#### DOE/Contractors

Gerri Flemming, DOE  
Jim Buice, DOE  
Thomas Johnson, DOE  
Joan Bozzone, DOE  
Steve Baker, DOE  
Jerry Nelson, DOE  
Gerry Stejskal, WSRC  
Gail Jernigan, WSRC  
Jim Moore, WSRC

Following introductions, the agenda was reviewed and the following items were called to their attention:

- The public comment period closes on January 4, 2000 for scoping of the national study on long-term stewardship to examine the institutional and programmatic issues.
- An Environmental Assessment will be prepared to evaluate the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed alternate Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) glass waste canister storage facility.
- Calendar for upcoming meetings.

Jim Buice, DOE, gave a presentation on the overall budget. Mr. Buice stated that the site was working to get agreement on the fiscal year (FY) 2001 budget to be submitted to the President early next year. The site is expecting budget changes and discussions this month from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The budget will go to Congress for review in February 2000.

Mr. Buice reviewed the Environmental Management, Defense Programs and Nonproliferation overall budgets for FY 1999, 2000 and 2001. He gave a summary and work activity level review of the programs. The numbers presented were consistent with the Paths to Closure document. Mr. Buice confirmed that funding for new missions was not included in the budget but would be allocated to the site as the decisions are made. The accomplishments for FY 1999 and 2000 were reviewed.

In the FY 2000 budget highlights, Mr. Buice stated that while the budget is increasing slightly, work requirements are growing. Some of the growing work areas are the Alternate Salt Processing needs, new technologies for spent fuel management, construction needs for long term viability, growing backlog of infrastructure upgrades and efforts are peaking for nuclear material stabilization. Lee Poe told Mr. Buice that the CAB had requested some input on the delay in schedule and increased cost of the new subcontractor for the Alternate Salt Processing project. Mr. Poe asked Mr. Buice if the CAB had received an answer yet? Mr. Buice said he would have to check and get back with Mr. Poe. (Mr. Poe was sent the CAB recommendation response from DOE on November 3. DOE had responded on September 8.) Mr. Buice stated that for FY 2000, there appears to be a \$60 to \$70 million funding issue.

Mr. Buice stated that the FY 2001 budget before the OMB is not much different from FY 2000. He stated that DOE had requested an additional \$48 million for some work on the Actinide Packaging and Storage Facility, the Spent Nuclear Fuel Transfer & Storage Facility and Infrastructure upgrades that was not in the budget. Mr. Poe asked if those items that aren't getting funded could be reviewed in a future subcommittee meeting and Mr. Buice said he would be happy to provide that information.

Mr. Buice gave a review of the new National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) department that has been formed in DOE as mandated by the FY 2000 National Defense Authorization Act. This new department will be headed by the Under Secretary of National Security appointed by the President and report to the Secretary of Energy. The program responsibilities include stockpile management, stockpile stewardship, naval reactors, international nuclear safety and nonproliferation, and reduction of global danger from weapons of mass destruction. It will also support the U.S. leadership in science and technology. The effective date for implementation is March 1, 2000. It was stated that this department would not have a public participation program.

P. K. Smith introduced Joan Bozzone to discuss the status of the Strategic Plan. Ms. Bozzone reviewed a pyramid of the planning process with the Strategic Plan located at the top. She stated that the Strategic Plan gave a summary of the goals, objectives and strategies for the site. It is the basis for all other plans. The Comprehensive Plan which is below the Strategic Plan in the pyramid, is in the process of being drafted and with the many modifications to tie it to the Strategic Plan, will be sent out for draft review probably in the January time frame. Ms. Bozzone stated that while the last Strategic Plan was based on business lines, this new plan would be based on the three stewardships: Stockpile, Environmental and Nuclear Materials Stewardship. The Strategic Plan will first be reviewed by the employees and once modified, will be forwarded to the public for review. It will be available for the public around November 21, 1999. The public will have until December 7 for review and comment. Mr. Booher asked for a hard copy of the plan. The December 13 RM&FU Subcommittee will deal with public comments on the Strategic Plan.

P. K. Smith reviewed the Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) workshop held in Oak Ridge. She stated that LTS is not in the forefront of SRS operations as it is in Oak Ridge and Weldon Springs. They are in the process of trying to close down their site so they are very concerned about LTS. Ms. Smith stated that some of the issues at the workshop were the definition of stewardship, the concern for a policy on LTS (since there wasn't one now), funding, records management and a framework or skeleton of how LTS would work. It was suggested at the workshop that they would get back together in about a year. Eight statements were developed in an effort to find out the status of LTS with DOE. Ms. Smith said she would get the group copies of the trip report and the statements. It was noted that the Oak Ridge Workshop and the effort to develop a LTS plan by DOE-HQ were two separate items. DOE-HQ is currently involved in developing a LTS Plan in response to a lawsuit regarding the Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement with public comments open until January 4, 2000. Ms. Smith stated that she would like to find out who the single point of contact is for the site on LTS and meet with them to discuss the results of the Oak Ridge Workshop. (It has been determined that the point of contact for the public on LTS is Don Scott, DOE.) Ms. Smith said she felt the workshop was very good and there was a lot of open discussion. She stated that Jim Werner, DOE-HQ, was responsible for LTS and did attend the workshop.

Ms. Smith reviewed the Fish Consumption Advisories – DHEC draft CAB recommendation. There were several comments and changes made to the motion. The draft motion will be presented to the full CAB on November 16, 1999.

Ms. Smith asked for the subcommittee to review the subcommittee CAB recommendations that were open or pending. There were six recommendations to be reviewed. It was decided after much discussion that:

- Recommendation #41 could be closed, but a statement should be included saying that another two years of the Paths to Closure have been issued.
- Everyone should review the balance of the recommendations and send in their comments for review at the next subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Poe stated that he felt that when DOE responds to the CAB recommendations that they are very general. He felt DOE should be more specific in their responses. In addition, DOE should respond specifically to each item in the recommendation.

Ms. Smith asked if there was any public comment. Todd Crawford supported Mr. Poe's comment about the generality of the responses to the CAB recommendations. With no other comments, Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.

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