



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management Working Group - Team A

Meeting Summary

April 12, 2000
District Office of DHEC
Aiken, SC

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management Working Group Team A met on April 12, 5:00 p.m., at the District Office of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Aiken, SC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Team A draft final report and path forward. Those in attendance were:

Stakeholders

Jennifer Hughes, SCDHEC
Lee Poe
Todd Crawford
Jerry Devitt

DOE/Contractors

Virginia Kay, DOE
Jim Moore, WSRC

Jennifer Hughes, Team A Lead, opened the meeting and asked for ideas on completing the draft final report. Todd Crawford stated that Mr. Poe and he had talked about different options and Mr. Poe would expound on them.

Mr. Poe stated that after consideration, he felt there were four options for completing the final report and dissolving Team A. The were:

1. Do nothing. Say thank you and good-bye.
2. Prepare a presentation for the Strategic and Long Term Issues (S<I) Committee and then to the full CAB.
3. Work on the introduction and summary/conclusion of the report. Mr. Crawford was willing to pursue this effort, but it would take some time and Mr. Poe did not think the effort was worth it.
4. Take the report, re-write it and make it look as if one person had written it instead of many. This would take many long hours and no one was interested in taking the required time.

Mr. Poe said of these four options, he felt number two was the best choice. Mr. Poe said that while he hadn't taken time to develop a presentation he could see the presentation including the following items: review the number of programs the team reviewed, describe that all use different analysis, they use terms differently, and get to the results in different ways. However, there is nothing wrong with that. The key message is that if a CAB member hears someone talk about risk, they should ask that person to stop and define risk. Is the risk actually a hazard or real risk, is it a cancer or regulatory risk? The presentation would be given to the S<I Committee and then the full CAB. Mr. Poe also said he did not feel there was enough evidence to develop a CAB recommendation. He felt the Facility Disposition Program might warrant a recommendation at a latter date, but not from the Team A work.

Ms. Hughes asked if there was any objection to proceeding with the option of only giving a presentation. Everyone agreed that was the way to go. It was also decided that Mr. Poe would give the presentation to the Committee and the CAB with everyone there to support the effort.

It was decided that based on the CAB meeting schedule the presentation would be at the July 24 and 25 meetings in Augusta so that all members of the team could be present. (Note: It has since been verified that Mr. Poe will not be available for the July 24 and 25 meeting. Consequently, the presentation will be to the S<I Committee on August 22 and to the full CAB on September 26 at the Barnwell State Park.)

Mr. Poe requested that everyone review the information currently available and respond by May 1 on what conclusion each member felt should be relayed to the Committee. From the member's input, Mr. Poe will work up the presentation. A dry run for the presentation will be set for either June 21 or 28. Ms. Hughes will check on the DHEC conference room and let the team know which date is best. (Note: This date may change based on the change from a July presentation to August.)

Ms. Kay stated that the Medical University in Charleston was presenting the Living with Risk series on television on April 20, 8:00 p.m., on the South Carolina public television channel.

With no other comments, Ms. Hughes adjourned the meeting.

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