



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Long Term Stewardship Committee Meeting Summary

July 10, 2002
North Augusta Community Center
North Augusta, SC

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Long Term Stewardship (LTS) Committee held a meeting on July 10, at the North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, SC. The purpose of the meeting was to review the charter, discuss the LTS white paper, the LTS Workplan, path forward and hear public comment. Those in attendance were:

CAB Members

Nancy Ann Ciehanski*
Jean Sulc*
Ann Dalton*
J.G. Long
Wade Waters
Murray Riley

Stakeholders

Lee Poe
Mike French
Sam Booher
Carl Overcash

DOE/Contractors

Terry Vought, DOE
de'Lisa Bratcher, DOE
Sonny Goldston, WSRC
Elmer Wilhite, WSRC
Helen Villasor, WSRC
Jim Moore, WSRC

* Members of the LTS Committee

** Note: Carolyn Williams, David Adcock, Beckie Gaston-Dawson, Meryl Alalof and Mel Galin, members of the LTS Committee, were not able to attend.

Nancy Ann Ciehanski, Chair, welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for attending. She addressed the committee on what is included in LTS and the importance of addressing it now. Ms. Ciehanski stated that while the draft Performance Management Plan (PMP) proposed the closing of many facilities by 2010, addressing LTS now would provide for a smooth transition from cleanup to LTS, through technical, financial and managerial planning. In addition it would:

- Emphasize that the "cleanup" goal is to reduce and control versus eliminate and consider risk and cost
- Ensure that Congress, regulators, and other stakeholders have a clear understanding of what the cleanup mission will produce and that there is an attainable end-point
- Set realistic expectations and show interim successes and results
- Identify technology research and development needs
- Assure regulators and public that DOE will not walk away from its enduring obligations
- Keep documented written records at SRS, in Columbia, SC and at DOE-HQ.
- Outline requirements to reach the end state instead of doing piecemeal stewardship
- Discuss the requirement for post closure monitoring and maintenance until complete shut down and estimate budgets

- Consider public and workers health and safety, environmental risk, and cultural or historical risk, and security for the long term.

Long Term Stewardship Charter

Ms. Ciehanski stated that the Charter would need to be changed since the committee had been renamed. The modified Charter was distributed to members for review several weeks before the meeting. Ms. Ciehanski read the comments on the Charter received by Dr. Bill Lawless. After much discussion, all modifications were made to the Charter. Mr. Sam Booher made a motion to accept the changes to the Charter, Ms. Jean Sulc seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ciehanski stated that Mr. Wade Waters, CAB Chair, had requested to make a statement to the committee and requested his statement at this time.

Mr. Waters stated that with other sites closing by 2006, stewardship is an important issue. What we do now will have a direct bearing on our children and our children's children. LTS is a cross cutting issue for the site. Every CAB committee should be aware of LTS or they are derelict in their duty. Mr. Waters thanked Ms. Ciehanski for taking the Chair of the LTS Committee.

Mr. Karl Overcash brought up the concern for the many sites that had nuclear rods that were poorly maintained. After some further discussion, the committee turned back to the agenda.

Draft Long Term Stewardship White Paper

Ms. Ciehanski requested that the committee look at the draft LTS White Paper. It is a list of those LTS activities and/or issues that pertain to SRS. Ms. Ciehanski read the comments received from Dr. Lawless and Mr. Galin on the White Paper.

After prolonged discussion on the White Paper, it was decided that this list of activities and issues would form the basis for the LTS Workplan and future presentations.

During discussion on the definition of long-range, it was decided that long-range may have to be looked at in phases; from now to 2047, and from 2047 on.

It was discussed that the LTS Committee should be briefed on the following areas that the committee members felt important:

- Status of long-term planning – It is important to know what the site has considered in their long-term planning work.
- National Environmental Research Park (NERP) – It was felt the committee should work on institutionalizing the site as a NERP.
- SRS End State Plan – As one of the Cleanup Reform Appropriations initiatives in the PMP, the LTS Committee should know more about this project and be included in on the development of the End State Plan.
- National Security Site – Obtain more information on this initiative.

During the discussions, there were several items that the committee members felt might make good recommendations to DOE. These recommendations could be developed later after more presentations and further discussion. Those potential recommendations are as follows:

- Pursue institutionalizing the site as a NERP.

- Maintain infrastructure in the Industrial Zone for future missions.
- Support for funding for LTS.

Long Term Stewardship Workplan

After some discussion it was decided that the LTS Committee should not immediately develop a Workplan, but push this out into the future after further discussion.

Path Forward

Ms. Ciehanski suggested that the committee support a recommendation to the CAB (1) supporting the PMP and in particular support the End State Plan initiative and (2) express concern that DOE-HQ had already allocated most of the \$800 million Cleanup Reform Appropriations funding to other sites. It was suggested that the recommendation also include funding for LTS. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the LTS Committee did not have enough information to develop a recommendation at this time.

It was decided that for the path forward, speakers would be requested to speak at the LTS Committee meetings. The subjects would be:

- The End State Plan
- Site Closure Status
- NERP history and status
- National Security Site
- SRS define the Institutional Controls (IC) on the site locations that are to be closed such as the Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (ORWBG). What are the ICs and how envisioned? Understand the deed restrictions.

During the discussion of committee meetings, it was suggested that the meetings start at 5:00 p.m. and that videoconferences be used quarterly, not for all meetings. The meetings should last around two hours and if possible be on Wednesdays. Someone should be available 15 to 30 minutes before each meeting if there are documents to review. This would give time for members to review the documents.

Terry Vought, DOE, stated that there were two web sites that the LTS Committee members might be interested in. They are as follows:

www.energyca.org This is the Energy Communications Alliance. They put out a monthly bulleting that is on the web site. The June monthly report was about ICs.

www.ig.doc.gov This web site has a document on excess DOE facilities.

Ms. Ciehanski requested that all the members review the draft White Paper to see if they have any comments. In addition, they should be thinking about what to put in the Workplan.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 5:00 p.m. at the Aiken Federal Building.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Ms. Ciehanski adjourned the meeting.

Meeting handouts may be obtained by calling 1-800-249-8155.