



# **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

## **Strategic & Long Term Issues Committee**

Meeting Summary

April 22, 2002

Desoto Hilton

Savannah, GA

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The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Long Term Issues (S&LTI) Committee met on April 22, 7:00 p.m. at the DeSoto Hilton, Savannah, GA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss closure of CAB Recommendation #149, S&LTI Committee discussion and hear public comment. Those attending the meeting were:

### **CAB Members**

Mel Galin\*

J.G. Long\*

Bill Vogele\*

David Adcock\*

Carolyn Williams\*

Jean Sulc

### **Stakeholders**

Jerry Artest Lloyd

### **DOE/Contractors**

de'Lisa Bratcher, DOE

Jim Moore, WSRC

\* Members of the S&LTI Committee

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Mel Galin, Chair, welcomed those attending the meeting.

## **Recommendation #149 Status**

Mel Galin stated that Jim Buice had addressed the Committee on two occasions, the last being at the March 26 meeting, concerning the stakeholder involvement in the budget schedule. Mr. Galin stated that the desire is to institutionalize the budget process so that all CAB members know when to make inputs to the various budget activities. After discussion it was decided that the Committee would close Recommendation #149 with a statement in the comment section referring to the fact that the budget schedule just presented was currently already behind schedule. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Integrated Priority List (IPL) was to be presented on April 15 but since the IPL was not ready at that time, the meeting was postponed. In addition, reference to the missed date is recorded in these minutes and a letter will be written by Mel Galin the Chair of the Committee mentioning that the schedule for stakeholder input has already been

missed and that the budget information should be sent to the Committee members as soon as possible and not wait until the next scheduled meeting. It was requested that the stakeholder input on the budget is tracked to verify activities and dates are met. The Committee would like to be advised when dates will not be met. Mr. Galin requested that a copy of the speech make by Jessie Roberson on April 18 be forwarded to members of the Committee.

### **Committee Discussion**

Mel Galin stated that the stakeholder schedule on budget issues in Recommendation #149 was a way to help institutionalize the budget process. It was a way for CAB members to know when they could have input and when documents would be available.

Mr. Galin stated that like the budget, he would like to see activities on technology institutionalized. He felt that the CAB doesn't hear about alternative technologies or hear about technologies until it is too late to have any input. Sometimes the CAB votes on the wrong thing because they are not informed. As an example, he mentioned the recommendation to stop phytoremediation. If more information had been known, the CAB probably would not have made that motion. He said that while Focus Groups dig into technology, it is exclusive of the CAB. The emphasis is to get the CAB briefed at the right time on technology. Mr. Galin has asked David Adcock to be the lead in technology and consequently asked Mr. Adcock to make some comments.

Mr. Adcock said after looking into the situation for some time, it appears that technology might be made more standardized by asking for certain input to the CAB at particular times. The programs could respond to those questions. Mr. Adcock said he had developed a simple set of questions that might be asked. Jim Moore had commented on the questions. Mr. Adcock suggested that he develop a strawman example of the questions and forward it to the Committee members for their input. It could also be distributed to the Site for comment. The Chairs of the other CAB Committees could have comment and decide if they would like to use the checklist also. It was suggested that the initial checklist be forwarded to the Committee members for information.

Mr. Vogeles requested copies of the systems engineering approach used in the PUREX and Alternative Salt Process studied by the Focus Groups.

Mr. Galin stated that during the full CAB meeting, it will be requested that the Stewardship Subcommittee be changed from a Subcommittee to a full Committee. All the other sites have full Committees on Stewardship and this subject will become increasingly important in the future. He stated that Nancy Ann Ciehanski will chair the Stewardship Committee.

Mr. Galin announced the tentative S&LTI workshop scheduled for May 20 to review the IPL Criteria Process development and the FY 2003 and FY 2004 IPL. This meeting will depend on the availability of the IPL.

de'Lisa Bratcher, DOE, said that she had been to the Site Specific Advisory Board meeting in Cincinnati and that Jean Sulc and Wade Waters represented the Savannah River Site CAB in an outstanding manner.

**Public Comment**

With no public comment, Mr. Galin adjourned the meeting.

Handouts of the meeting may be obtained by calling 1-800-249-8155.