

Summary Notes, February 23, 2010
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Waste Management Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Waste Management Committee conducted a committee meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, in Aiken, SC.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive presentations on the Liquid Waste System Plan (Rev. 15) provided by Pete Hill, Savannah River Remediation (SRR). An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was provided.

ATTENDEES:

CAB Members

Joe Ortaldo, Chair
Art Domby, Vice Chair
Ranowul Jzar
Alex Williams, Vice Chair
Jerry Wadley
K. Jayaraman
Marolyn Parson
Rose Hayes
Cleveland Latimore
Judy Greene-McLeod
Manuel Bettencourt
John Snedeker
Ed Burke
Stan Howard
Kathe Golden
Don Bridges

Stakeholders

Frances Close, FOE
Tom Clements, FOE
Adam Waller, SCDHEC
Cathy Amoroso, EPA
Karen Patterson, Public
Martha Berry, EPA

DOE/Contractors/Others

Sheron Smith, DOE-SR
Erica Williams, V3
Jim Folk, DOE-SR
Dean Campbell, SRR
Pete Hill, SRR
David Hoel, DOE-SR
Terry Spears, DOE-SR
Jim French, SRR
Sonny Goldston, SRNS
Steve Thomas, SRR
Jeanette Hyatt, SRNS

Bill Brizes, Technical Advisor

Welcome and Introduction:

Art Domby, Vice-Chair, WMC, opened the meeting with a welcome and thank you to all attendees. He introduced himself as the co-WM Committee Vice-Chair and stated that he will be facilitating the meeting this evening. Joe Ortaldo, who is the WM Chair, is here also and continuing to recover from heart by-pass surgery. He stated that the other WM Committee Vice-Chair is Alex Williams who is in attendance as well.

The attendees introduced themselves. CAB Member Art Domby then referenced the meeting ground rules and encouraged adhering to them. He reminded all attendees that the meeting is a working meeting and open to public participation. The meeting is being web cast.

Committee Update:

CAB Member Art Domby began by thanking Sheron Smith, CAB Support Team Member, and all of the Savannah River Site staff who coordinated and participated in the Liquid Waste Facilities Tour today. The tour was exceptionally good and leads into this evening's presentation on the Liquid Waste System Plan. This evening's presentation will reinforce some of the projects and processes that the CAB members saw first-hand today.

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CAB Member Art Domby continued by providing the status of the WMC open recommendations. He stated that the WMC has eleven open recommendations. The WMC was considering a recommendation on the limitation of Plutonium loading in the canisters at the Defense Waste Processing Facility from 897 to 2500. Due to a recent letter from the Department to SRR directing them to research the capability, the recommendation is not going to be pursued at this time.

CAB Member Art Domby stated that there is one topic on the agenda this evening, but it is a very important topic. This Plan is the how SRS is going to ensure the highest risk at the Site will be reduced and tanks will be closed.

Meeting Summary:

On Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at the Aiken Municipal Conference Center, 214 Park Avenue, Aiken, SC, the Waste Management Committee met from 5:30-7:30 pm and received a presentation on the Liquid Waste System Plan (Revision 15), provided by Pete Hill, SRR.

Mr. Hill, SRR, presentation provided the Liquid Waste safety statistics; the process overview; SRR's commitment; the Plan's inputs and results; the FY2010 progress and a summary. CAB member Rose Hayes asked if the statistics were based on lost workday case or medical treatment case. Mr. Hill replied that it is recording any injury above a band aid. SRR has committed to closing 22 tanks in 8 years by deploying enhanced chemical cleaning and reduce the time required for closure documentation review and approval. They plan to double the ARP/MCU throughput to 40,000 gallons per week and increase the rate of canister production at the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF). Open discussions included the innovative bubbler process clarification and why it was chosen. Mr. Hill continued by stating that we need to manage the waste and reduce risks. Mr. Don Bridges asked to what extent is the Plan controlled. Mr. Hill replied that the Plan is an annual document which does have the Departments approval and is incorporated as the contract performance baseline. The goal is to produce a Plan each year to incorporate lessons learned and align with the annual funding allocations. Electronic copies of the Plan are available upon request.

There is significant interest from the SRS CAB members in the conversion from the ARP/MCU and the Salt Waste Processing Facility schedule plans and the critical path. Pete Hill, SRR, and other site employees stated that the down time between ARP/MCU shut down and SWPF startup was necessary to convert the transfer lines.

In conclusion, Mr. Hill, SRR, stated that the System Plan Rev. 15 was developed based on the SRR proposal and it utilizes key technology deployments to accelerate tank closures and maximize DWPF throughput. Our plan is to complete sludge processing in 2023 and complete salt processing in 2030.

Joe Ortaldo, WMC Chair, invited Mr. Hill to present his presentation at the full board meeting. An opportunity for the public to comment on CAB related issues was offered. The meeting was well attended. No recommendations are expected from the meeting discussions.

Other:

CAB Member Art Domby reviewed the upcoming meeting schedules and encouraged everyone to sign-in and complete the feedback forms.

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Public Comment:

Bill Lawless – Welcome back to Joe Ortaldo.

Adjourn:

CAB Member Art Dobby adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Follow-Up Actions:

- Provide the Liquid Waste Systems Plan (Rev. 15) presentation at the full board meeting in March.



Presentations are posted on the SRS CAB Website separately.