

Summary Notes-April 9, 2013
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, from 6:00-7:50 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation about Revisiting the Area Completion Strategy. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB Members:

Dr. Marolyn Parson- FD&SR Chair
Harold Simon- CAB Vice Chair
Thomas Barnes
Kathe Golden
Dr. Rose Hayes
William Rhoten-*Online*
Larry Powell- *Online*

DOE/ Contractors/ Others:

Angelia Adams, DOE-SR
Rich Olsen, DOE-SR
Doug Hintze, DOE-SR
Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR- *Online*
Bill Taylor, DOE-SR
Ashley Whitaker, NOVA
James Tanner, NOVA

Stakeholders:

Liz Goodson
Tiajuana Cochnauer
Joe Ortaldo

Agency Liaisons:

Scott Simons, SCDHEC
Van Keisler, SCDHEC-*Online*
Diedre Lloyd, EPA- *Phone*

Welcome and Introduction:

CAB member Marolyn Parson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and reviewing the meeting rules. She asked everyone to introduce themselves, including online attendees. CAB member Parson continued with her update by listing the FD&SR Committee members along with the committee's focus. She provided a recommendation status update, stating recommendations 293 and 294 were open.

CAB member Parson introduced Ms. Angelia Adams, DOE-SR, who presented a presentation titled "Revisiting the Area Completion Strategy."

Presentation: Revisiting the Area Completion Strategy-Angelia Adams, DOE-SR

Ms. Adams stated the purpose of her presentation was to provide information on the background, process, and plan to revisit the SRS Area Completion strategy. She provided a brief introduction of the Area Completion Strategy. She explained the benefits and significance of the Area Completion Strategy Process. Ms. Adams discussed how the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Appendix E related to the Area Completion Strategy. She said DOE-SR decided to revisit the Area Completion Strategy because the site's lifecycle baseline extended from 2034 to 2042 and it was requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) upon

approval of the 2013 Appendix E. Ms. Adams included a diagram that represented the schedule for Area Completion Strategy. She mentioned that the EPA, SCDHEC, DOE-SR, and site contractors were beginning the process to revisit the Area Completion Strategy. Ms. Adams mentioned that DOE would provide a presentation to the CAB when planning for the 2014 Appendix E began. She concluded that DOE, EPA, and SCDHEC were on track to complete cleanup at SRS by 2042 with the use of a revised Area Completion Strategy.

CAB member Parson asked who identified the 515 waste units and what criteria was used to identify them. Ms. Adams answered that the waste units were identified when the FFA was established in 1993; however, no new waste units had been identified since then.

CAB member Rose Hayes asked how it was determined which sites were prioritized for cleanup. She also asked why decisions were not made based on a risk-based approach. Ms. Adams replied that the prioritization for Deactivation and Decommission (D&D) does not occur. CAB member Hayes asked how contamination was measured and asked why it was not used as a risk-based procedure to determine the facilities that should receive D&D first. Ms. Adams explained that if the facility was determined to be excess, the D&D process would begin; however, building 235-F was not listed as excess. CAB member Hayes asked how it was decided which facilities posed the greatest threat to the environment and how that threat was measured. Ms. Adams replied that there were risks associated with certain buildings, but once the buildings were considered to be in excess, D&D activities could begin. Ms. Adams explained that was why the end date for the lifecycle was extended because the operations have not been completed. CAB member Hayes asked if there were any procedures for measuring the level of risk, since she felt as though building 235-F could have been cleaned sooner. She asked why building 235-F was not moved to the top of the prioritized list. Ms. Adams explained that there was not a risk-based list to move forward with D&D activities. She mentioned that the building must be considered excess before D&D occurred.

CAB member Parson asked Ms. Adams to define D&D activities. Ms. Adams explained that deactivation was a process to lessen the hazards that were present and decommissioning was taking a facility to its "end state." Ms. Adams stated that deactivation involved the process of preparing a facility to be decommissioned. CAB member Parson asked if there were any disadvantages to the area cleanup approach. Ms. Adams replied that she did not believe so. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Committee Discussion:

CAB member Parson allowed CAB member Tom Barnes to address the DOE response to recommendation 293. He stated that the CAB had not received much information on building 235-F and suggested that the recommendation should remain "open" until the CAB received more information.

CAB member Parson discussed the DOE response regarding recommendation 294. She mentioned that only one document had been posted for review on the website and asked who was responsible for implementing the recommendation. Mr. Bill Taylor, DOE-SR, stated that he was the individual who would address the posting of documents on the SRS external website. CAB member Kathe Golden asked about how many documents are usually available to be posted on the website. Mr. Taylor replied that the amount of documents varied at different times. CAB member Parson mentioned that the status of the

recommendation should remain open until the end of the year. Both recommendations are posted on the website. This discussion can be found on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

CAB member Parson adjourned the FD&SR Committee meeting.

**The next S&LM Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, from 6:00-7:50 p.m.,
at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC.**

**The online recording of this meeting are located on the CAB's website at:
cab.srs.gov**