



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Environmental Remediation and Waste Management Subcommittee

Meeting Record

November 17, 1997

First Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC

The CAB ER&WM subcommittee met on November 17, 1997 at the First Baptist Church in Barnwell, SC. CAB members present included, CAB ER & WM subcommittee Co-chairs Bill Lawless and Kathryn May and CAB members Karen Patterson and Arthur Belge. Todd Crawford, technical consultant to the CAB also attended. Attending from DOE-SR were Phil Prater, Bill Pearson, and Gerri Flemming. Ann Ragan, Craig Marriner, and Keith Collinworth attended from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Jeff Crane attended from the Environmental Protection Agency. Attending from WSRC/BSRI/BNFL were Sonny Goldston, Bob Aylward, Gerry Stejskal, Helen Villasor, Dale Bignell, and Anne Roe. Public attendees included Francina Addison from Rep. Wilbur Cave's office, Lynn Waishwell from CRESP and Patricia McCracken. Gerri Flemming attended as the Associate Designated Deputy Federal Official, ADDFO.

Bill Lawless opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The draft motion on shipping West Valley vitrified high level waste to SRS as proposed in the DOE Complex-Wide Environmental Management Integration (EMI) program was discussed. Karen Patterson asked why it was cheaper to send the West Valley HLW to SRS. Bill Pearson noted if DOE had to wait until a Federal Repository (Yucca Mountain) was opened to ship the waste it would be the year 2018 before all of the West Valley HLW was shipped. Because the West Valley building which currently stores the waste is old; there is a significant cost in maintaining, monitoring, and operating the building for those additional years. Arthur Belge asked how many HLW containers were involved in the proposed HLW shipments to SRS. Mr. Pearson said the West Valley waste was equivalent to 300 canisters or an increase of 6% in SRS's vitrified HLW (6,000 canisters projected). Other discussion concerned the shipping casks and their design and licensing and state views and equity issues. It was noted that the State was not yet ready to make a policy decision regarding receiving the West Valley high-level waste. Several suggested changes were made to the motion, including a paragraph addressing the concerns expressed by the State of South Carolina.

Phil Prater gave a presentation on the SRS Environmental Restoration Early Action Strategy. Mr. Prater explained the Early Action Strategy was developed in concert with SCDHEC and the Environmental Protection Agency to have an agreed upon comprehensive strategy for identifying

opportunities to perform early actions. Mr. Aylward noted that the Early Action Strategy flow chart had been updated to include public involvement activities.

The draft motion on the SRS Environmental Restoration Early Action Strategy was discussed and changes were suggested.

Bill Lawless closed the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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