



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Record
September 22, 1997

The Executive Committee of the SRS CAB met on September 22 at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C. Board Chair Ann Loadholt resided over the meeting. Lane Parker, Karen Patterson and Ken Goad also attended. Tom Heenan attended as the Designated Federal Officer. Others in attendance included Virginia Kay, Dale Ormond and Gary Little of the Department of Energy; Clay Jones, Mary Flora and Dawn Haygood of Westinghouse Savannah River Company; Ann Ragan of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; Tom Williams of Senator Max Clelland's Office, and Walt and Paula Joseph.

Ann Loadholt opened the meeting by announcing there would be no quorum at the September CAB meeting and recommendations would be voted on in November following limited discussion. She also reported that Suzanne Matthews had resigned from the Board. An explanation followed that Ms. Matthews resigned due to her husband's position with Westinghouse and discussions with his management regarding any perceived conflict of interest.

Issues for CAB Consideration

Tom Heenan presented issues for CAB consideration (see attached). He began by noting that the Results Management Team (RMT) had met for a final meeting earlier in the day. The RMT has been meeting since 1995 and has seen resources supporting in field remediation grow to 77 percent while addressing 80 percent of the risk at sixty-nine sites. He presented issues for consideration by subcommittee and noted issues where DOE saw the Board having the greatest impact. Within the Environmental Remediation Program he noted unit specific ER activities, a whole set of ER decisions to be made in the coming year the Board could impact. This is also very appropriate since the Keystone group had recommended site specific advisory boards for this purpose, he said. Within the Waste Management Programs, he discussed environmental management integration, stating that from a national dialogue standpoint, this is a very important issues. He also discussed the Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and the various Records of Decision from this document; and the Site Treatment Plan as issues for Board consideration in 1998.

Mr. Heenan highlighted Board input in the site budget and budget prioritization and ongoing public involvement in the Focus 2006 documents as areas in which the Board can continue to impact DOE decisions. Regarding nuclear materials management, he noted the SRS Spent Nuclear Fuel Environmental Impact Statement and a recent needs assessment study for canyon utilization.

SSAB Outreach Report and Advertising Proposal

Lane Parker and Dawn Haygood presented an outreach report and proposal to eliminate advertising of subcommittee meetings (see attached). The report identified the outreach techniques utilized by all thirteen site specific advisory boards. It was noted that the SRS CAB is the only DOE Board currently advertising subcommittee meetings and that on average \$1200 is spent per subcommittee meeting with an average of four members of general public attending, most of whom are on a Board mailing list for meeting notices. It was also noted that the Board's advertising budget for FY1997 is \$103,000 and the largest advertising budget for other boards is approximately \$13,000. Board members agreed to provide one final advertisement that encouraged people to call and be added to the Board mailing list for subcommittee meeting notices. Public service announcements will be provided for subcommittee meetings and depending on the number of public comments received, the Board will re-evaluate the decision to discontinue subcommittee advertising. Full Board meetings will continue to be advertised in the normal manner.

National Dialogue

Dawn Haygood gave a brief recap of a two-day National Dialogue Pilot Workshop held on Sept. 6-7, 1997, in Knoxville, TN (see attached). The objective of the meeting was to develop a values/principles matrix for nuclear material management to assist DOE in making decisions. The workshop failed to meet this objective and proved frustrating for Board members attending (see attached letter from Bill Lawless). Ann Loadholt suggested the SRS CAB send a letter to DOE-HQ to offer to host a national dialogue between the site specific advisory boards. Virginia Kay noted that plans are currently underway to conduct a meeting of the SSAB Chairs this fall.

Board Contract Expirations/Renewals

The SRS CAB contracts with technical advisors Todd Crawford and David Porter were considered for renewal or expiration. Ann Loadholt noted the costs associated with both contracts to date. Board members discussed the contributions of both technical advisors. Karen Patterson moved the committee extend Todd Crawford's contract and Ken Goad seconded. This action was approved unanimously. Ken Goad moved that the PorterHouse Inc. contract not be renewed. Lane Parker seconded. This motion also passed unanimously.

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