SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Meeting Summary January 27, 1997 Hilton Resort, Hilton Head Island, SC

The Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee Meeting of the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) met on January 27, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Resort, Hilton Head Island, SC. CAB attendees included Vernon Zinnerman, (Chairman), Karen Patterson, Thelonious Jones, Ann Loadholdt, Anne Brown, Brendolyn Jenkins, and Kamalakar Raut. Regulators who attended included Jim Brownlow and Shelley Phipps from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and Camilla Warren from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Gerri Flemming from the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) was the ADDFO. Julie Petersen from DOE also attended. Chuck Powers and Lynn Waishwell from the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP); Walt Joseph, SRS CAB facilitator; David Porter, SRS CAB subcontractor attended. The members of the public who attended were Trish McCracken and David Jordan. Westinghouse Savannah River Company attendees were Gail Jernigan and Chris Noah.

Mr. Zinnerman began the meeting with a welcome and review of the agenda, 1996 activities, and proposed 1997 activities and schedule. (See attached.) The agenda was changed slightly by placing the review of subcommittee activities first on the agenda, Dr. Waishwell's risk presentation second, and Dr. Noah's siting presentation last. In reviewing the subcommittee activities, Mr. Zinnerman stressed that the proposed 1997 schedule had meetings in new locations, including Martinez, Waynesboro, Hephzibah and Columbia, to try to reach as many people as the committee can. (See attached list of 1996 activities and proposed 1997 activities.) Ms. Loadholdt asked if there was a special number of people to attend these meetings to be considered successful. Mr. Zinnerman replied that one person from the public attending could make the meeting successful, especially if that one is a person who has not attended a meeting before.

Mr. Zinnerman introduced Dr. Waishwell who gave a presentation on risk, risk management, and risk communication. (See attached for a copy of the overheads used.) She defined a stakeholder as "anyone who has an investment in the outcome of the risk assessment and risk management." The point was made during the discussion that there are many unknowns when developing a risk assessment and there is no definitive number to use in describing the risks. Ms. Loadholdt asked several questions about the CRESP scope of work. She specifically asked what health studies is CRESP working on currently and how are they different that other health studies. Dr. Waishwell said she would get this information for Ms. Loadholdt.

Dr. Noah then gave a presentation on how various activities and/or facilities are sited at the Savannah River Site. He explained that the current process is being formalized and included in site procedures. He went on to explain that the future land use planning will be addressed in the site's comprehensive planning document, when it is written.

The meeting was adjourned after this presentation.

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