



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Environmental Remediation and Waste Management Subcommittee**

#### **Meeting Record**

**March 17, 1998**

**N. Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, SC**

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The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board CAB ER & WM Subcommittee met on March 17, 1998 at the North Augusta Community Center, North Augusta, South Carolina. CAB members present included CAB ER & WM Subcommittee Co-Chairs Bill Lawless and Kathryn May. Todd Crawford, technical advisor to the CAB was in attendance. Attending from the Department of Energy - Savannah River DOE-SR were Tom Heenan, Mike Simmons, Nate Ellis, Cynthia Anderson, Kim Sidey, Winchester Smith, Les Germany, Charlie Anderson, David Roberts, John Geiger, Tania Smith and Dave Robinson. Gerri Flemming was the Associate Designated Deputy Federal Official (ADDFO) for the meeting. Keith Collinsworth attended from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Jeff Crane attended from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Attending from Westinghouse Savannah River Company/Bechtel Savannah River Incorporated/British Nuclear Fuels Limited (WSRC/BSRI/BNFL) were Sonny Goldston, Paul Sauerborn, Elmer Wilhite, Helen Villasor, Gerry Stejskal, Paul Huber, Chris Bergren, Thomas Kuetz, Mary Flora, Bob Van Pelt, Bill Boettinger, Sharon Fraley, Kely Damour, Gail Jernigan, Joan Lang, John Gladden, Edward McNamee, Matt Hunter, Bill Rajczak, Keith Dykes, Bruce Schappell, Sandra Carroll, Ron Socha, Harry Lang, John Cook, Bart Marcy, Jim Cook, Cliff Cole, Michele Wilson, Jim Moore, and Leslie Wells. Trish McCracken, Lee Poe, John Young Moon, Mindy Moon, Steve Holt, W.R. McDonell, and P.M. French attended from the general public.

Bill Lawless opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and proceeded to follow the agenda as it was written.

There were no comments during the first public comment period. The first speakers of the night were Jeff Crane from (EPA), and Keith Collinsworth of (SCDHEC). They gave an update of the SRL Seepage Basin status of Purposed Plan. The key point raised is that EPA will be requesting that the SRS look at additional alternative remedies. These largely consist of treatment and disposal options beyond those already considered in the plan. Bill Lawless and others at the meeting expressed concern and wanted to be sure that this additional work will not jeopardize the March 1999 start of remediation.

Tom Heenan made a presentation on the Future Consideration of L-Lake. He explained the history of the actions to date and the alternatives under consideration. He stressed that the closure

of L-Lake will follow the normal CERCLA process and this unit is scheduled to enter the program in FY2000 as agreed to in the current Appendix E. Mr. Lawless and others requested that they be better informed on the Appendix E process. They asked to be briefed on what is currently in the schedule. We agreed to revisit in August as part of the review of steel creek per a suggestion by Jeff Crane.

The next presentation was on the status of D-Area Oil Seepage Basin by Nate Ellis. He stated that the successful application of bioventing has resulted in a recommendation for mostly no further action. Keith Collonsworth (SCDHEC) pointed out that the use of bioventing was a by-product of the drum removal and the installation was fast tracked as the right thing to do. This resulted in considerable cost savings. This will be reviewed again in the May meeting to allow regulators time to evaluate the Purposed Plan (PP).

Mike Simmons made a presentation on the Misc. Chemical Basins/Metals Burning Pit. He stated that currently a sequential approach to remediating the basins is being taken to remove the source, then stabilizing the groundwater migration. The regulators will review the proposal before commenting; they stressed that the proposal should be consistent with the SRS groundwater strategy. Lee Poe requested an early review after the plan is completed.

Todd Crawford provided copies of the proposed recommendations for the 3/24/98 CAB meeting. Those planned for a recommendation and briefings are: Beneficial Reuse, Composite Analysis, and F-Area Retention Basin. Comments were requested to Todd Crawford by 3/19/98. The purposed recommendation on the contaminated vegetation was postponed; the SRL basin motion will be developed and presented at the CAB meeting; and Lawless requested that the SRIOU motion go forward immediately. Bill Lawless closed the meeting after the discussion.

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