



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Meeting Record

March 3, 1998

North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, SC

A Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use (RM&FU) Subcommittee meeting of the Savannah River Site met on March 3, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to distribute for comment the Draft Future Use Plan, address the status of the Accelerated Cleanup: Paths to Closure, review the model and criteria for the Fiscal Year 2000: Integrated Priority List, review the Future National Environmental Policy Act Schedule, discuss the Risk Management Working Group and receive public comments. The SRS CAB member attending was P. K. Smith. Members of the public in attendance were: William Pitka, James Pope, Greg Peterson, Sam Booker, Bill Rajczak, Stephen King, Bill Boettinger, and Brent Terry. Gary Little from the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) attended as the Associated Deputy Designated Federal Official. The DOE-SR attendees were Jim Buice, Chuck Borup, Martin Salazar, Charlie Anderson, Marian Woolsey, Steve Baker and Don Scott. Ann Ragan and Jennifer Hughes attended from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). The Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) attendees were Chris Noah, Matt Zimmerman, Gail Jernigan, Charlie Sessions and Jim Moore.

Jim Moore, WSRC, welcomed those in attendance and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. He then turned the meeting over to Chuck Borup, DOE-SR, for the first presentation. P. K. Smith, Chairperson, arrived during the first presentation. She apologized for her late arrival and explained that she was held up due to a meeting at the last minute.

Chuck Borup, DOE-SR, gave a brief review of how the Future Use Plan fits within the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Future Use Plan makes up the land use components of the Comprehensive Plan. He handed out copies of the Draft Future Use Plan. When asked, he stated that the Draft Future Use Plan will be sent to DOE-HQ no later than March 13. Mr. Borup said that the Draft Plan had already been reviewed by the public focus group (as a subset of the CAB), the SRS Planning Board, and the SRS Executive Board. He stated that all comments had been carefully considered and were included in the draft plan where possible. Key changes that were made based on the comments were: a better explanation of the risk versus hazard, improved process of implementing the plan in the future, clarification of the land use plan, refined zoning maps, and defining uses in different zones. Mr. Borup explained that they tried to develop a matrix on how risk was applied to the plan but that had not been completed to meet the tight deadline for this plan. He stated that this matrix would possibly be included in the next version of this plan as a component of the SRS Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Borup said that the sooner they

received comments, the better chance that the comment could be included in the draft plan. He stated that the draft plan was not e-mailed but hard copies are available.

Mr. Borup then introduced Chris Noah, WSRC, who explained the Draft Future Use Map. Dr. Noah pointed out the three zones on the map: Industrial, Industrial Support, and Restricted Public Use. He stated that the name denotes the primary use of the land. He stated that research occurs in the Industrial and Industrial Support zones. Dr. Noah stated that reference points are included on the map based on comments from the focus group. He stated that the former ring concept is not on this map. The land extending to the Savannah River is now in the Industrial Support zone because of low-level contamination in the Savannah River Swamp. (It used to be in the Restricted Public Use zone.) He stated that the hope was that future missions will be in the Industrial zone. Upon being questioned, Dr. Noah stated that the CAB recommendations approved by DOE-SR had been turned into the actual site policy. Dr. Noah stated that some comments are still being received for both the map and the Draft Future Use Plan. In order to comment on the draft plan, the numbers to call are: Chris Noah (803) 725-5997 , chris.noah@srs.gov, and Chuck Borup (803) 725-1597, charles.borup@srs.gov, as soon as possible.

Steve Baker, DOE-SR, reviewed the status of the Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure (ACP). Mr. Baker stated that the National and Site ACP were on the inter-net. In addition, there were several available copies. He stated the public comment period will end on May 1, 1998. Tentative meetings are scheduled on March 19 and March 31 to review the site ACP. The March 19th meeting will be an overview and at the March 31 meeting there will be more details. Mr. Baker asked those in attendance to let him know what they would like discussed at the March 31st meeting. A general question was asked about the closing of DOE sites by 2006. It was asked if anyone had walked through the waste disposition from the closed sites to know where all the waste will go. Jim Buice stated that the disposition maps identified the waste from each site and its final disposition. It was asked if someone had followed up to make sure the waste coming from Rocky Flats was the same amount of waste that SRS expected to receive. Matt Zimmerman, WSRC, said that during the last several months the sites across the DOE complex were working hard to interface with each other to improve the interfaces. He stated that in order not to prejudice the legal and regulatory process, the maps didn't show the waste transfers at this time. Ann Ragan, SCDHEC, when asked, stated that the National Governors Association was reviewing the information. Ms. Ragan stated that it looked like SRS was receiving more waste than was going out. When asked, Mr. Zimmerman stated that the ACP was being integrated with the Draft Future Use Plan. Mr. Zimmerman stated that this was the first ACP that allowed the sites to talk about future missions and maintain infrastructures. Since this was the first time this occurred, the next version would allow more coordination. Jim Buice stated that if stakeholders did not have time to read the entire national or site Plan, they should read the Executive Summary.

Matt Zimmerman addressed the site prioritization model identifying the programmatic drivers for the Integrated Priority List (IPL) for the Fiscal Year 2000 budget. Mr. Zimmerman presented a list of programmatic drivers and acronyms. He stated that the IPL was used as a management tool allowing decisions to be made with a consistent set of criteria. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the risk based model was developed with stakeholder input. He stated the model has two

categories: Risk and Management/Administrative. Mr. Zimmerman identified the Compliance Drivers and the Management and Administrative Drivers showing the nominal budget distribution for each. He stated that the Compliance Drivers made up 94% of the SRS budget while the Management/Administrative Drivers made up only 6% of the budget. Mr. Zimmerman then identified the scope of work in each driver category. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the path forward would be a formal review of the IPL on March 19th and completion of any open items at the March 31st meeting. The location of these meetings is to be determined. Mr. Zimmerman stated that there is a Lessons Learned meeting at DOE-HQ on the 17th, 18th and 19th of March. He stated that if anyone had any comments related to Lessons Learned, they should let him know before the meeting dates.

Gail Jernigan, WSRC, reviewed the current SRS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) activities. She stated that whenever any federal agency started a program or facility, they need to decide if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or an Environmental Assessment (EA) would be required. Ms. Jernigan stated that all EIS's and EA's were reported in the Environmental Bulletin. She stated that if anyone did not get the Bulletin, they should note it on their rating sheet and they would be put on the list. Ms. Jernigan stated that at each step through the process there is a public comment period identified. Jim Pope asked how or if the Record of Decisions (ROD) expanded on the scope of the project or the things that could happen. Ms. Jernigan stated that she was not sure if there was an expansion of scope or not. She said she would have to get back with him on that question. Ms. Jernigan reviewed the various EIS's in Waste Management, Tritium Production and Nuclear Materials. She then reviewed the EA's. There was a concern that the Wetland Mitigation Bank Program could be used for locations distant from SRS. Ms. Jernigan assured them that the Wetlands Mitigation Bank could only be used for SRS activities.

P.K. Smith discussed the Working Group on Risk Management. She stated that the Working Group would be made up of public citizens and would report to the RM&FU Subcommittee. Ms. Smith stated the Working Group would review not only the site risk, but community risk. She stated it should be educational as well as fact finding. From the community aspect, she stated there was a need to let the people know the risk associated with SRS. She asked for any input from the attendees on development of the Working Groups mission. When asked about the purpose of the Working Group, Ms. Smith stated that the purpose was to facilitate communication on risk to the public as well as CAB.

Ms. Smith asked if there was any other public comment. There was none.

Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.

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