



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Meeting Record

November 4, 1998
Aiken Federal Building, Aiken
Aiken, S.C.

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use (RM&FU) Subcommittee met on November 4, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., Aiken Federal Building, Aiken, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to review the Risk and Funding CAB motion. Members of the CAB in attendance were P. K. Smith, Wade Waters and Karen Patterson. Other members of the public attending were Mike French, Todd Crawford, Brandon Haddock, Lee Poe and Gerald Devitt. Gary Little from the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) attended as the Associated Deputy Designated Federal Official. Ann Clark, Keith Collinsworth and Jennifer Hughes attended as representatives of the South Carolina Department of health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Brian Hennessey, Don Scott, Steve Baker and Jerry Nelsen attended as representatives of the DOE-SR. Phil Crotwell attended as a representative of Bectel Savannah River, Inc. Chuck Spencer, Steve Etheridge, Shelia McFalls, Clay Jones, Kim Cauthen and Jim Moore attended as representatives of the Westinghouse Savannah River Company.

P. K. Smith, Chairperson, welcomed all those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Ms. Smith stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the CAB draft motion. Before we stated discussions, Lee Poe requested that the members of the Risk Management Working Group be placed on the distribution list of the "Environmental Risk Notes". Jerry Nelsen said he would make sure the team members got on distribution.

Ms. Smith read the draft CAB motion on Risk and Funding. She stated for some background to the motion that this subject came up during a Jim Buice, DOE-SR, presentation on the budget. It appeared that items with higher risk were below the funding line while those with lower risk were above the line. From those discussions the motion was developed. After the motion was read, Todd Crawford stated that Bill Lawless had submitted a comment to the motion. Mr. Lawless suggested that the last line of the recommendation be deleted and the following line be included, "If there are some items that have to be funded even though below the cut off point on this list, their funding should be clearly justified." To the question of intend of the statement, Mr. Crawford said that Mr. Lawless realized that some items of lower risk might be prioritized above the line because they were legally required. There was concern about the term "clearly justified".

Mr. Clay Jones gave a brief description of the background to the Integrated Priority List. He stated that a number of factors are included in the management decision making on program priorities, it is not a purely risk driven priority list. He also emphasized that the DOE intends to comply with regulatory commitments. With respect to the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), this policy results in needing to maintain a fairly stable annual workload over a 30 year time period to meet the intent of the FFA. DHEC stated that they understand the subcommittees concerns over funding for Americium/Curium but do not support taking funding away from the ER Program. It was stated that sometime back, the DOE decided to make commitments to the regulators and stick by them. By doing that, they have gained trust with the regulators. The DOE has also made commitments to do certain levels of effort on cleaning up the site. If the program got moved to lower on the priority list, the work would continue to get pushed out and we

would not meet out long range commitments. It was stated that several years ago an effort to reduce the ER funding resulted in almost halting the program and driving up the costs.

After much discussion, it was requested that Mr. Jones and Mr. Crawford get together and work on the wording of the motion that would work as a compromise to all concerned. Mr. Crawford asked that anyone having comments on the motion should get them to him by Friday. Mr. Crawford will re-word the motion and distribute it.

The revised motion will be reviewed at the CAB Environmental Remediation and Waste Management Subcommittee on November 10, 1998.

Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.

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