



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Risk Management Working Group**

#### **Meeting Record**

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

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The full Risk Management Working Group of the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use (RM&FU) Subcommittee met on November 4, 1998, 7:50 p.m. at the Aiken Federal Building, Aiken, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to review the status of all the teams and the goals and objectives of Team B. Members of the Working Group in attendance were P. K. Smith, Wade Waters, Mike French, Gerald Devitt, Lynn Waishwell, Jennifer Hughes, Donna Martin and Lee Poe. Members of the technical support group attending were Jerry Nelsen, Gary Little, Steve Etheridge, and Jim Moore.

P. K. Smith, Chairperson, welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the agenda. Ms. Smith distributed copies of written answers to the risk questions asked by team members at the full Working Group meeting in August. Dr. Bernard Goldstein of the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) developed the answers.

Ms. Smith stated there were some changes to members of the teams. In Team A, Mr. Hallinan dropped off while Barbara Murphy was added. In Team B, Barbara Murphy moved to Team A and Barbara Gordon dropped off. A new roster of the team members was distributed.

Ms. Smith introduced Jennifer Hughes, Chairperson of Team A. Ms. Hughes stated that Team A objectives were developed in July. In August, the team received a presentation on the Integrated Priority List. Because the presentation did not address the questions the team was interested in, a draft strawman was developed for presenters. The strawman gave the presenters an idea of the detail needed for their presentations. In September, the team received a risk analysis review on Americium/Curium Stabilization and Transuranic (TRU) Waste. In October, the team received a review of the general safety analysis from Westinghouse Safety Management Solutions (WSMS). The December meeting will be used to recap the primary points of the risk analyses received to-date. The team will stop and highlight what was presented to-date so that the team doesn't forget. Ms. Hughes reviewed the proposed schedule for risk analysis reviews to be presented to Team A through July 1999. It was suggested that a coordinator was needed to keep up with what each team was doing. P.K. Smith stated that Jim Moore was keeping up with the teams.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Moore to present the input on Team B in the absence of Mr. Jimmy Mackey, Chairperson. Mr. Moore stated that from the last full Working Group meeting, Team B was to modify its objectives and goals to include communication. The modified mission of Team B is to recommend improvements in risk communications. The objectives are (1) Compile and review available risk communication plans and resources from various agencies and conduct a critique, (2) Assess the success of the various plans and (3) Develop recommendations to improve risk communications at SRS. The path forward for the group is as follows: Review some risk communication plans to compare with SRS, Find some successful plans to determine reasons for success and Develop criteria for generic fact sheets. Members of the Team B will be contacting the following organizations to review their communication plans: Union Carbide – John Stockwell, Duke Power – George Minot, Union Camp –

Wade Waters, Department of Defense – Jimmy Mackey and Plant Vogtle – Donna Martin. At the last Team B meeting, there were the following areas of interest: (a) EPA was excited about getting the input on communication from the public, (b) Over simplified communication to the public leads public to believe they weren't told everything or weren't told the truth, (c) May get local media involved, (d) When communicating risk, must communicate benefits, (e) Be up front about the uncertainty of the risk, (f) Misinformation. At Subcommittee meeting, statement was made that tritium doesn't move. Down stream residents know different, (g) Questions of the CAB role in risk communication.

The next meeting for Team B is December 11, 2:00 p.m. at the Hilton Head Town Hall.

Team C had not had the opportunity to meet yet because the members on the team had been participating in the ITP (Salt Disposition) Focus Group. Team C has a meeting scheduled for December 10, 5:00 p.m., at the Tetra Tech Building, Aiken.

Ms. Smith asked Ms. Lynn Waishwell, Chairperson of Team D, to review the Team D status. Ms. Waishwell stated that the objective of Team D was to review the risk evaluation process used by non-SRS off site organizations. The goals are to (1) Identify non-SRS risk management processes, (2) Develop a set of criteria to evaluate the risk management process, and (3) Team members will discuss, make recommendations and forward the information to DOE, WSRC, other contractors and the other teams. Ms. Waishwell stated the process for the path forward was to concentrate on multi-attribute risk management systems, develop a set of criteria to evaluate the systems and review the good traits of those systems. Each member of the team is to compile a list of multi-attribute risk management organizations, prioritize the list, select one system to review and Steve Etheridge will give a presentation at the next team meeting. There was discussion on the term multi-attribute risk system. While confusing, it was pointed out that a multi-attribute system looked at many factors verses a single factor such as an accident scenario. Ms. Waishwell stated that the next meeting of Team D is December 15, 5:00 p.m., at the Tetra Tech Building, Aiken.

P. K. Smith stated that she felt the teams were proceeding well. She stated that the next full Working Group meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 2, 1999. Ms. Smith also reiterated the dates for the future team meetings. They are as follows:

Team A	12/7	6:30 p.m.	District Office of DHEC, Aiken
Team B	12/11	2:00 p.m.	Hilton Head Town Hall
Team C	12/10	5:00 p.m.	Tetra Tech Building, Aiken
Team D	12/15	5:00 p.m.	Tetra Tech Building, Aiken

Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.

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