



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

September 27, 1999
Savannah Rapids Pavilion
Evans, GA

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use (RM&FU) Subcommittee met on Monday, September 27, 7:00 p.m., at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion, Evans, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss stewardship, the lowcountry communications meeting, the Strategic Plan, the Paths to Closure (PtC) Recommendation and hear public comment. Those in attendance were:

CAB Members

P.K Smith
Wade Waters
Tom Adams

Stakeholders

Sam Booher
Jerry Devitt
Jennifer Hughes, DHEC
Lynn Waishwell, CRESP

DOE/Contractors

George Mishra, DOE
Chris Noah, WSRC
Jim Moore, WSRC

P. K. Smith, Co-Chair, welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the agenda. Ms. Smith stated that the Oak Ridge Stewardship workshop is scheduled for October 25, 26 and 27. Ms. Smith stated that several individuals had submitted comments in relation to stewardship. The public perception seemed to be that the site was doing a good job in considering stewardship in current documents and that stewardship should not be a separate program but should be included in current documents as done at SRS. It was mentioned that we should emphasize that we are not downgrading stewardship. The American public is becoming more concerned with clean air and water. Ms. Smith mentioned that Ann Loadholt, CAB Chair, would be announcing the attendees to the workshop soon. She requested anyone who had other comments on stewardship should get them in.

Ms. Smith asked Wade Waters, Co-Chair, to give input on the lowcountry communications meeting. Mr. Waters stated that misplaced public perception could be a dangerous thing. He stated the downstream citizens had misconceptions of what was in the river and in the fish they eat. He said they deserved to know about the river and fish. Team B of the Risk Management Working Group had been working about a year on communications. A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at the Hilton Head Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Lowcountry Communications Plan and fish and river quality. He requested all to attend.

Ms. Smith asked Chris Noah, WSRC, to give the presentation on the Strategic Plan. Mr. Noah drew a triangle on the flip chart and explained the relationship of the Strategic Plan with the Comprehensive Plan and the PtC. Mr. Noah explained the DOE transition to the three stewardship programs: Stockpile Stewardship, Environmental Stewardship and Nuclear Materials Stewardship. In the Future Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan, the SRS has been reconfigured to an industrial zone, industrial support zone and restricted public use zone. Mr. Noah stated that recently DOE and four states signed "Statements of Principles". These "Statements of Principle" will be drivers for the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Noah stated that the Comprehensive Plan drafts were complete and the planning staff was providing presentations around the community. The final comments should be included by October 15 with the draft to the printer November 1. The final should be ready for distribution on January 10.

Site teams are developing drafts of the Strategic Plan. It is expected that the first draft should be available on October 15 with stakeholder comments due October 31. November and December will be for final layout, editing and production with distribution of the final on January 10. Mr. Noah stated that comments to the Strategic Plan should be submitted through Jim Moore, WSRC, as well as copies to Chuck Borup, DOE, and himself.

Ms. Smith reviewed the draft motion on the Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure. The recommendation emphasized the shortage of funding to support SRS activities and the concern that previous CAB recommendations had not been included in the PtC such as contingency plans. There was a request that at the beginning of the recommendation, the statement "While the PtC is the only environmental stewardship program, there are other stewardship programs that are critical to the national interest. All of the stewardship programs should be integrated during the decision making process" be included.

Ms. Smith asked if there was any other public comment. There being none, Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.

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