The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Long Term Issues (S&LTI) Committee met on Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Hilton Oceanfront Palmetto Dunes, Hilton Head, SC. The topics of discussion were a Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) introduction, Integrated Infrastructure Program Plan (I2P2) review, budget recommendation draft review, Workplan review and public comment. Those in attendance were:

CAB Members
Mel Galin*
J.G. Long*
David Adcock*
Carolyne Williams*
Jerry Devitt
Jean Sulc

Stakeholders
Melinda Holland, CRESP
Lynn Waishwell, CRESP
Gary Zimmerman

DOE/Contractors
Jim Buice, DOE
Terry Montgomery, DOE
George Mishra, DOE
Jim Moore, WSRC

* CAB members of the S&LTI Committee
Note: Bill Vogele, a CAB member of the S&LTI Committee, was unable to attend.

Welcome and Introduction

Mel Galin, S&LTI Committee Chair welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Galen reviewed the evening’s agenda.

Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation (CRESP) Introduction

Melinda Holland, CRESP, explained that CRESP was “working to advance cost-effective cleanup and greater stakeholder understanding of the nation’s nuclear weapons production facility waste sites by improving the scientific and technical basis of environmental management decisions and policies.” The consortium is made up of eight different universities. The DOE sites CRESP works with are the Savannah River Site (SRS), Richland, Rocky Flats, Oak Ridge and Amchitka.

CRESP work focuses on understanding and managing risk in ways that promote cost-effective cleanup at DOE sites. There are six Centers of Expertise: Exposure Assessment, Ecological Health, Public Policy, Social and Economic Impacts, Human Health and Remediation and Mitigation.

Lynn Waishwell, CRESP, briefly described select CRESP projects that may be of particular interest to the Committee and the CAB. Most of the projects described occur at SRS. She highlighted: the CRESP review of the Integrated Priority List (IPL), the Social and Economic Impact Center of Expertise regional economic impact analysis of DOE sites, the Remediation and Technology Center of Expertise Subsurface contaminant transport models for C-Area Burning Rubble Pit project, the Exposure...
Information System (EXIS) Framework, a project from the Ecological Health and Risk Center of Expertise relating to fish consumption and risk communication, a Decision Mapping System prototype using Area 100 at Hanford as the example, and how CRESP expertise contributed to the SRS Integrated Operable Unit at SRS. Ms. Waishwell stated that CRESP would have a booth at the Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Groundwater Workshop in Augusta the first weekend of February.

Integrated Infrastructure Program Plan (I2P2) Review

Terry Montgomery, DOE, reviewed the I2P2 or the Infrastructure Plan. The Infrastructure Plan falls below the Comprehensive Plan in the SRS planning hierarchy. Infrastructure includes facilities and services such as the electrical transmission lines, primary access roads, large bore steam pipelines, active railroad tracks, domestic water lines, administrative facilities, telecom/computing networks, computing network nodes and the specialized analytical facilities.

The purpose of the plan is to integrate infrastructure planning with the Strategic and Comprehensive and Mission plan, identify the universe of needs and determine priorities, maximize the current constrained funding levels and provide condition and funding assessment to DOE-Headquarters. Mr. Montgomery reviewed the process used to develop this plan which was completed on May 25, 2001.

Priority needs have been identified into three categories. The anticipated annual funding for infrastructure Capital Equipment and General Plant projects is approximately $12 to $15 million. Proposed unfunded infrastructure line item projects in the amount of $200 million. Planned infrastructure projects that are unfunded in the amount of $300 million. The time period for this plan is 20 years.

Future infrastructure planning initiatives will be incorporated when the I2P2 is revised following the next revision of the Comprehensive Plan.

Budget Recommendation Draft Review

Mr. Galin explained that the CAB didn’t get the budget information early for a variety of reasons. However, the only way the CAB can have input into the budget planning process and IPL is to have information early enough to act upon it. In light of that, Mr. Galin proposed that a recommendation be sent to DOE requesting a schedule on the budget that would allow the CAB and the public to participate in the process. After much discussion and suggested changes, the recommendation passed.

Workplan Review

Mr. Galin stated that the S&LTI Workplan had been reviewed that afternoon at a work session with the request to add Decontamination and Decommissioning to the Facility Disposition title. The Committee was asked to if there were other changes and there were none.

Other

Mr. Galin informed the Committee that a copy of the Environmental Management (EM) Mission Funding Profiles was in their handouts. This listing of fiscal year 2002 funding which was requested at the last meeting includes the carryover funding from fiscal year 2001.

Public Comment

With no other public comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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