



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Executive Committee

**Radisson Hotel, Savannah, Ga.
May 24, 2004**

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Executive Committee met on Monday, May 24, 2004, at 5 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Savannah, Ga. The purposes of the meeting were to discuss 8A contract status, recommendation format, bylaws and operating guidelines and any other issues offered by the committee chairs. Attendance was as follows:

CAB Members

Jean Sulc
Mel Galin
Dorene Richardson
Perry Holcomb
William Lawrence
Darryl Nettles
Harold Rahn
Bill Willoughby
Karen Patterson
Murray Riley
Mary Drye
Gloria Williams Way

Stakeholders

Gary Zimmerman
Wade Waters

DOE/Contractors

Bill Spader, DOE
Gerri Flemming, DOE
Jim Moore, WSRC
Dawn Haygood, WSRC
Mike Schoener, CAB

Chair Update

Jean Sulc provided a briefing regarding the recent Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Chairs Meeting held in Washington, D.C. in late April. Ms. Sulc stated that Assistant Secretary Jessie Roberson attended the meeting and asked for ideas regarding the use of \$188 million portion of the High Level Waste (HLW) Proposal at SRS. Ms. Sulc also commented that there was a Transuranic Waste presentation and that Inez Triay, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, had attended and answered questions regarding the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant proposed permit modification. She relayed that Hanford had desired to ship eight small packages of high level waste to WIPP and did not anticipate the problems it would create. It appears that now Hanford may withdraw that request, according to Sonny Goldston at a recent WM meeting, she said.

Ms. Sulc also discussed the 8A contract status, noting there had been a few minor changes to the workscope and that the board would review the Request for Proposals. She noted the contract with the 8A firm would likely be a time and materials fixed price contract. She stated there should be a discussion opportunity with the chosen 8A firm in June and a contract award in July.

Recommendations Format

Jean Sulc presented a chart summarizing comments from the Executive Committee regarding the following recommendation format changes suggested by Perry Holcomb:

- The "Background" section ought to be "Comments".
- Then the current "Comments" section should be "Concerns" or "Concerns and Issues" beginning with the statement: "The SRS CAB believes that...", then enumerate or bullet.
- And finally enumerated "Recommendation(s)" followed by "References" IF the CAB wishes to continue in this fashion.
- The most important part of any recommendation is the "Recommendation(s)" section. I suggest it come first!!!

Ms. Sulc presented comments from Mel Galin to keep the background section with substance but move the recommendation forward and to pilot the new format for one year. Bill Lawless wanted to leave the recommendation process as is as did Jean Sulc. Rick McLeod has suggested the Comment section be changed to a Concerns or Issues section. Following discussion, the Executive Committee decided to keep the recommendation format as noted in the Board Operating Guidelines and to be flexible with the background portion of the recommendation.

Bylaws & Operating Guidelines

It was noted that the term "Standing Rules" was changed to "Operating Guidelines" to better reflect the contents of the document. The SRS CAB Committee guidelines were also added to the "Bylaws & Operating Guidelines."

Committee Chair Reports

Mel Galin noted a Programmatic Agreement workshop and the fact that a formal signing of the agreement would be conducted in June.

Perry Holcomb noted he was toning down the Facility Disposition & Site Remediation recommendation and announced a meeting of the committee on June 15 to discuss the status of the Integrator Operable Units.

Jean Sulc noted that the Executive Committee needed to be thinking about transition in 2006 and how the CAB is going to interface with the site and encouraged the members to be thinking about how to maintain effective public involvement.

It was determined the SRS CAB would recognize the designation of the Savannah River National Laboratory with a letter of congratulations.

Public Comments

Wade Waters commented that he believed Hanford was making plans to vitrify the waste they had planned to send to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. He also commented that not enough

attention is paid to the fact that SRS is a National Environmental Research Park and encouraged the CAB to keep this before DOE and the public as one of the most positive assets of the site.

Gary Zimmerman commented that the CAB newspaper advertising is not very appealing and should contain a mushroom cloud, skull and crossbones or radioactive symbol to capture the reader's attention.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.