

SRS

**Citizens Advisory Board
Chair Update**

**D. N. Bridges- Chair
March 26, 2013
Augusta, GA**



Welcome



- Surprise!
- Welcome to Augusta.
- Welcome to a new Committee Make-up for 2013.
- We acknowledge the efforts by DOE and the CAB staff that make this meeting possible.



CAB Membership Update

- We now have a full Committee staffing of 25 for the first time in several months.
- We welcome six new members
- A review of the numbers:
 - 6 beginning members
 - 7 members with one year of service
 - 6 members with two years of service
 - 6 members with three or more years of service

Introduction of New Members



- **Virginia Jones** **Richmond County, GA**
 - Background in education and law.
 - Expressed an interest in environmental law.
- **Larry Powell** **Hilton Head, SC**
 - Retired contractor with remodeling company.
 - Expressed an interest in civic and environmental issues.

Introduction of New Members



- Christopher Timmers Columbia, SC
 - Consultant in plastics industry.
 - Expressed an interest in environmental issues and nuclear energy and waste disposition.
 - Member of Academy Review Board for Sen. Graham.(nomination of candidates-Mil. Academy)
- Last minute resignation of a member on Friday, DOE is currently working on a replacement.



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

An Exercise in Citizen Participation

- Political or social involvement in the community, government, or organization in order to improve or maintain the status quo or to have impact on policy formation and decision making.

SRS Citizens Advisory Board- A Most Unique Opportunity



- SRS Citizens Advisory Board is an Outreach Program by Environmental Management (EM) to provide information, advice, and recommendations to DOE on issues relating to cleanup.
 - Provides a forum for communications between DOE and the public.
 - Instills public confidence in cleanup process.

CAB Membership



- Your involvement involves considerable time and attention.
- Done on strictly a volunteer basis.
- Serves a “higher calling.”
- Thank you for time, interest, and involvement.

Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board



- Since last full Board Meeting January 2013.
 - No Committee Meetings
- Committee Meetings will commence in April 2013.
- Issues-Based Committee Listing:
 - Strategic and Legacy Management
 - Facility Disposition and Site Remediation
 - Nuclear Materials Committee
 - Waste Management Committee
- Administrative and Outreach Committee

Committee Meeting Schedules 2013



- Committee meetings in dual meeting format:
 - First committee meeting: 4:00- 5:50 PM
 - Second committee meeting: 6:00 – 7:50 PM
- Scheduled as follows:
 - Nuclear Materials and Waste Management
 - Strategic and Legacy Management and Facility Disposition and Site Remediation.
- Committee Meetings:
 - Second and Fourth Tuesdays of “Off Months.”

Education and Process Session



- Good Session on February 14 in Aiken.
- This Session followed a meeting of Committee Chairs to finalize the 2013 work plan.
- Much of Meeting:
 - Upgrade of internal procedures
 - find a copy at your seat
 - Understanding Budget situation for this year.

Environmental Justice Meeting



- Environmental Justice effort is an attempt to ensure that one segment of society does not bear the brunt of undesirable environment impact of any given venture.
- Joint Supported EPA-DOE Initiative
- CAB Members covered EJ meeting in Beaufort, SC on March 7.
 - Earl Sheppard

Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs)



- SRS Citizens Advisory Board one of 8 SSABs.
- SSAB Sites: Hanford Oak Ridge Portsmouth
 Paducah Northern New Mexico
 Idaho Nevada Savannah River Site
- Most recent Conference Call: February 2013
- Comments:
 - SSAB Meeting for April 2013 has been cancelled and will be replaced by a video conference on April 25.
 - Members are welcome to attend but no travel funding is available.

Change is Now Upon Us



Cost Cutting Measures:

- Meetings:
 - For now all remaining Full Board Committee meetings for 2013 will be in Augusta-Aiken area.
- Travel will be Limited for Committee Meetings
 - No overnight provisions.
- Other CAB Support Measures
 - No lunches for full day meetings on Tuesday of Full Board meeting.
 - Coffee only for breaks during full Board meetings.
- Travel funding is not available for attendance at meetings such as Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council and Environmental Justice meetings.
- Other measures are uncertain at this point.

Public Outreach Initiative



- In an attempt to reach out to the community we will be seeking input from a wide diversity of viewpoints.
- We have identified some organizations who have an interest in providing input to the CAB.
- We will ask one organization each CAB meeting to provide us their views and input.
- We will start this outreach with today's meeting.

Public Outreach Initiative



- We have established guidelines relative to the input desired.
- General Guidelines include:
 - **Time limit of 20-25 minutes.**
 - **Stay on the subject of Site Cleanup**
 - **No discussion at all on MOX.**
 - **Focus on Cleanup- our area of responsibility.**
- Specific Guidelines
 - Additional Guidelines follow.

Further Presentation Guidelines



Each Presenter:

- Describe your organization and its primary mission.
- Give insights on the priorities and progress of Site cleanup.
- Tell the CAB what the presenter believes are SRS cleanup major problems and any solutions.
- Ask the presenter to tell of how SRS should use facilities that are freed up from Site cleanup such as the Canyon facilities, Reactor basins, etc.
- Describe viable future missions for the Site.
- Provide the CAB any insights that would be helpful in carrying out the SRS citizen input role.

Public Outreach Initiative



- We seek the widest diversity of views.
- We want the most incisive and thoughtful input that any organization cares to provide.
- We seek member input and public input on organizations and entities to invite.
- Potential groups include:
 - Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness
 - Alliance for Nuclear Accountability
 - Sierra Club
 - Southern Carolina Alliance
 - Georgia Women's Action for New Directions

Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on America's Nuclear Future



- One aspect of DOE Response on BRC Report has been issued in January 2013.
- CAB is uncertain on when a presentation will be made to us.
- One aspect of that report includes the potential for consolidated storage of SNF at SRS.
 - We are getting input on that issue from all sides.
 - Do not get polarized on that issue until we get a full understandable presentation on the facts.



Challenges for 2013

Chairman's View

- Dealing with all Cleanup Issues with increasingly limited and uncertain budget.
- Spent Nuclear Fuel stored on-site and being increased continually- Process or store?
- Processing the Liquid Waste in the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF)- Completion Delay?
- Some movement on Removal of DWPF Canisters from SRS.
- Early Planning for Blue Ribbon Committee Recommendations.

SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Continuing Emphasis for this Year



- Focus:
 - More input from each CAB member.
 - More public involvement.
 - More recommendations to DOE.
- Advise us of your interests.
 - Outside speakers/topics/insights you want to see.



CAB Membership: A Responsibility

- As Citizens Advisory Board members you have:
 - The Mandate
 - The Opportunity
- To represent the interests and the views of the people of South Carolina and Georgia.
- Focus your thinking and views on how you can best carry out that role.
- Continually ask yourself, “Am I doing the best I can to represent my fellow citizens?”