

# SRS Citizens Advisory Board Chair Update

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North Augusta, SC



# Welcome



- Welcome to North Augusta
- This is one of the meetings that will be held in Aiken- Augusta area for all of 2013.
- Thanks for the efforts by CAB Support Team to make these meetings



# CAB Membership Update

- We now have a full committee membership 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



- William Calhoun  
Aiken, SC
- Jessica Grainger  
Aiken, SC
- Virginia Jones  
Augusta, GA
- Larry Powell  
Hilton Head, SC
- Christopher Timmers  
Columbia, SC
- Louis Walters  
Augusta, GA

# 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.

# Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board



- Since March- Four Committee Meetings.
  - Committee Meetings on April 9
    - Strategic and Legacy Management
    - Facility Disposition and Site Remediation
  - Committee Meetings on April 23
    - Nuclear Materials Committee
    - Waste Management Committee
- Administrative and Outreach Committee
  - Meets on Morning of Full Board Meeting.
- All members are invited to attend any of these meetings.

# 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.”

# 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
- Webinar Call on April 25.
- Comments:
  - Update by EM Ass't. Sec. Dave Huizenga
  - Extensive budget and program updates.
  - Very long painful discussions.



# Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB)



- EMAB is a technical advisory board to Assistant Secretary for EM.
  - By contrast SRS CAB is citizens advisory board.
- Lessie Price (Aiken City Council member) is one of the EMAB members.
- EMAB will visit SRS in June.
- DNB will make welcome comments to EMAB on behalf of CAB- June 14.

# 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.
  - SR is assessing the viability of having one off-site meeting in Savannah this year.
- **Travel will be Limited for Committee Meetings**
  - No overnight provisions.
  - Restrictions remain in effect.
- **Already discussed general CAB support cost reductions.**
- **Other measures are uncertain at this point.**



# Public Outreach Initiative

- CAB is seeking a wide diversity of viewpoints.
- Organizations have been identified.
- CNTA made their input on Monday.
- Guidelines:
  - 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.

# Further Presentation Guidelines



## Each Presenter Should:

- Describe the presenter's 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.
- Groups who have provided input:
  - Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness
  - Physicians for Social Responsibility.



# Public Outreach Initiative

- Another approach- working to provide CAB briefing to Aiken City Council.
- This idea and groundwork was done by Rose Hayes (Kudos for that effort).
- All of us would like local governments to know who we are, what we do, and what our issues are.
- Rose Hayes is to be commended.

# 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 getting briefing on this topic this PM.
- 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.
  - Draft paper is out- Another option to follow.
  - Do not get polarized on that issue until we get a full understandable presentation on the facts.
  - Seek public input.

# SRS Community Reuse Organization (SRS CRO)



- As a result of the potential for SRS to be involved in any of the evaluations for storage of commercial spent nuclear fuel at SRS, SRS CRO had a study commissioned to assess just what would be involved and the impact.
- Rick McLeod will speak to his study this PM.
- SRS is not involved in any such studies at this time to my knowledge.





# Miscellaneous Comments

- Chair's membership on CNTA does not represent a conflict of interest. HQ has made a formal evaluation and ruling.
- DOE seeks the widest diversity of input.
- I Encourage each CAB member to seek a wide range of views on all of our cleanup topics.

# Challenges for 2013

## Chair'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.

# Continuing Emphasis for this Year



- Focus:
  - 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?”