



Presentation to SRS CAB

South Carolina  
Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

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# Purpose of the Council

The Council is charged with advising the Governor on issues pertaining to nuclear activities in South Carolina and other duties that may be requested by the Governor.



# Authorizing Statute

South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 13 –Planning,  
Research and Development

Chapter 7, Nuclear Energy

Article 9, Governor’s Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Governor’s Nuclear Advisory Council which shall be responsible to and report to the Governor.



Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

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# Members

- Senate Appointment - Senator Tom Young, Aiken
- House Appointment - Rep. Don Wells, Aiken
- Environmental - Karen Patterson, Chair
- Environmental – Dr. Carolyn Hudson
- Nuclear Power – Steve Byrne
- Nuclear Industry – Jim Little
- Academic – Dr. Vince Van Brunt
- Academic – Dr. David Peterson
- At-large – Claude Cross



## Nuclear Facilities in SC

- SRS
- 7 nuclear power plants in SC (and 2 under construction)
- Barnwell LLW Disposal Facility, Atlantic Compact
- Westinghouse Fuels



# Council's Role in Monitoring SRS Activities

- DOE, contractors, and DHEC provide overviews of SRS activities at quarterly meetings
- Major issues are raised by Council to Governor for consideration
  - Potential to affect the well-being of citizens, or the economy of the state
- A record of each meeting is archived.



# Recent SRS Issues

- Funding, always funding
- Liquid Waste Vitrification and Tank Closure
- H-Canyon
- Vulnerable Spent Fuel
- SRNL
- MOX
- DNFSB concerns



# Contact Information

- South Carolina Energy Office, South Carolina Budget and Control Board
- Quarterly meetings, usually second Thursday of the month (March, June, October, December)
- [www.energy.sc.gov/](http://www.energy.sc.gov/) (Google “SC energy office”)