

Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Report

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Committee members

- Marolyn Parson, *Chair*
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- Artisha Bolding
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- Larry Powell
- Bill Rhoten



Committee focus

- The committee addresses the remediation of contaminated soil, groundwater, and surface water.
 - Specifically, the committee deals with issues related to:
 - Federal Facility Agreement
 - Risk management/assessment,
 - The regulatory process, and
 - Other cross-cutting issues pertaining to environmental restoration.
- The committee also follows deactivation and decommissioning actions taken to reduce risk & costs following shutdown of excess industrial, radioactive, and nuclear facilities.



Status of recommendations

- Committee has three Open recommendations. The First is Recommendation #293 “Remedial Actions and Clean-up of 235-F.”
 - Basically asks the Department Of Energy to take a comprehensive look at the existing plans for decontamination and decommissioning of building 235-F and reassess the present schedule for 235-F cleanup.
 - Further, in view of comments made in the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board Recommendation 2012-1 (May 9, 2012), it asks the Department to take near-term immediate actions to remediate the situation.



Status of Recommendation #293, continued

- Finally, it asked the Department to advise the CAB of the cost and timeline of implementing the Safety Board's Recommendation and how other projects will be impacted by the implementation of said Recommendation.
- At the March CAB Full Board Meeting, an update on Building 235-F was presented.
- At the April Committee Meeting, it was decided that until more budget details are known that the status of this Recommendation should remain "Open."



Status of recommendations, conti

- The second Open Recommendation is #294
“Development of Environmental Review Roadmap and Document Listing.”
 - Basically asks the Department of Energy to develop a periodic report that provides an overview of upcoming environmental reviews and provide relevant information on the particulars of each review process.
 - It also asks the Department to develop a list of upcoming environmental reports and information soon to be issued that would be of interest to the public at large.
 - The response from the Department was received on November 30, 2012.



Status of Recommendation #294, conit.

- The committee will leave Recommendation #294 in an “Open” status until at least the end of the year.
 - Until then, committee members will continue to monitor SRS website postings about public comment opportunities, availability of reports, and other information that is important to the public.
 - At the end of the year, the CAB and the Department of Energy will review how effective the changes to the website have been relevant to the specifics of this recommendation.



Status of Recommendations

- The third Open recommendation is #315: “Public Meetings on Background and Status of High-Level Waste Tank Closure Program.”
 - Basically asks the Department of Energy to hold public meetings to provide information about the human health and environmental dangers, technological challenges, budget details, timetable, and successes of the tank closure program, including how budget constraints will impact the timetable of the tank closure program in FY 2014 and beyond must be included.
 - Asks that the meetings be held in the cities of Aiken, and Bluffton, SC, Augusta and Savannah, GA, and other communities deemed to be appropriate by the Department with input from the Citizens Advisory Board.
- Due to the government shutdown, the Department of Energy has not responded to this recommendation.



October Meeting Cancelled

- Due to the government shutdown the committee did not meet in October as scheduled.



Next Committee Meeting

- **December 3rd at 6 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken**
- **Presentations**
 - “Federal Facilities Agreement, Appendix E Major Proposed Changes”
 - Brian Hennessey, Department Of Energy, Savannah River
 - Budget Update – Doug Hintze, Department Of Energy, Savannah River
 - Doug will provide budget information relevant to the remedial actions and clean-up of Building 235-F, which is the focus of open Recommendation #293.



Next Committee Meeting

- **Discussion: Any follow-up needed?**
 - After three presentations about environmental monitoring in Georgia, and
 - Report from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, “Evaluation of Off-Site Air Contamination From The Savannah River Site (USDOE)”
- Representatives from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Department of Energy have agreed to be on hand to address the committee’s questions regarding this issue.



Presentations Tomorrow

- “Savannah River Site 2012 Environmental Report
 - Amy Meyer, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions
- Five-Year Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Remedy Report
 - Rob Pope, Environmental Protection Agency