

Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Meeting



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Aiken, SC

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Welcome

- This meeting is being recorded live, so please state your name and affiliation when speaking.
 - Introductions, including those who are online.
- Everyone is invited to participate in the committee's business. If you wish to speak but are not at the table, please come up to the podium so you can be heard easily.
 - Please feel free to join us at the table.
- For those of you on-line, we hope that you will be able to hear everything clearly & are comfortable providing input.
- There will also be a public comment period where other comments can be heard.
- Make sure that you have signed in on either the PUBLIC sign-in sheet or the CAB Members sign-in sheet.



Committee members

- Marolyn Parson, *Chair*
- Tom Barnes, *Vice Chair*
- Artisha Bolding
- Louie Chavis
- Kathe Golden
- 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 two 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 asks the Department to advise the CAB, at the January 2013 meeting, 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."
 - Later in this meeting, an update on Building 235-F will be presented.



Status of recommendations, cont.

- 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 #284, cont.

- The Committee decided to leave Recommendation #284 in an “Open” status until this December 2013 meeting.
 - At this meeting 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, cont.

- The Committee has one Pending Recommendation, #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.



One Presentation Tonight

- **“Building 235-F Status”**
 - Vicki Wheeler, Department of Energy, Savannah River



Topics for Discussion

- Follow-up on discussion of environmental monitoring in Georgia
 - In preparation for this discussion, the Committee members were asked to review Chapter 5 (Environmental Surveillance) of the *Savannah River Site 2012 Environmental Report*.
 - In addition, we appreciate the assistance of Gail Whitney, Department of Energy, Savannah River and Kim Brinkley, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, who took the time to answer a series of questions about this issue.



Discussion Topics, continued

- Website Discussion-
 - Bill Taylor, Department of Energy, Savannah River

Now public comments?

