Summary Notes - June 11, 2013
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic & Legacy Management (S&LM) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, from 4:00-5:50 p.m., at the Department of Energy (DOE) Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive presentations on the Enterprise SRS Initiative of Next Generation Cleanup Technologies and the Site Historical Preservation. There was also time set aside for committee discussion, and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB Members:  
- Clint Nangle- S&LM Chair  
- Dr. Don Bridges- CAB Chair  
- Harold Simon-CAB Vice Chair  
- Thomas Barnes  
- Jessica Grainger  
- Larry Powell  
- George Snyder  
- Marolyn Parson- Online  
- Virginia Jones- Online

DOE/Contractors/Others:  
- Karen Guevara, DOE-SR  
- Avery Hammett, DOE-SR  
- Rich Olsen, DOE-SR  
- Bill Taylor, DOE-SR  
- Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR  
- Andrew Albenesius, SRNS  
- Mary Beth Reed, New South  
- Melissa Jolley, New South  
- Ashley Whitaker, NOVA  
- James Tanner, NOVA

Agency Liaisons:  
- Diedre Llyod, EPA  
- Scott Simons, SCDHEC  
- Bob Aylward, SCDHEC

Stakeholders:  
- Joe Ortaldo  
- Nancy Bobbitt  
- Lee Poe

Welcome and Introduction:

CAB member Clint Nangle welcomed everyone, and mentioned the meeting was being streamed online. He then allowed everyone to introduce themselves before reviewing the meeting rules and the agenda. He discussed the committee’s focus, and provided a brief recommendation update, stating recommendations 288 and 302 were open.

CAB member Nangle introduced Ms. Karen Guevara, DOE-SR, who presented “Update on Enterprise SRS Initiative Next Generation Cleanup Technologies.”

Presentation: Update on Enterprise SRS Initiative Next Generation Cleanup Technologies – Karen Guevara, DOE-SR

Ms. Guevara stated the purpose of her presentation was to fulfill an S&LM Committee Work Plan topic by providing an update on Fukushima support as well as other aspects of the Next Generation Cleanup Technologies Initiative. She provided a diagram that depicted the current Savannah River Site (SRS) and Environmental Management (EM) missions, which ultimately were used to create the vision for Enterprise SRS. She listed various growth opportunities of the Next Generation Cleanup Technologies Initiative, which included “Fukushima recovery, international consultation on decommissioning framework, applied research site at SRS, global presence, and leadership role in government-to-government agreement.”
Ms. Guevara addressed the first growth opportunity by explaining that various strategies of the Fukushima recovery efforts attempted to develop and deploy cost effective remediation alternatives. She provided an update of “international consultation on decommissioning framework” stating that since DOE was familiar with on-site decommissioning and disposal options, they had been working closely with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to develop international decommissioning standards. She continued her presentation by stating that SRS was EM’s “applied field research site for groundwater,” before listing several nuclear and chemical innovative technologies being developed and deployed at SRS. Ms. Guevara then explained that SRS attempted to establish a higher global presence in Japan by providing on-the-ground expertise from an “Embassy Science Fellow,” and arranging efforts between the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) to create specific remediation solutions for Fukushima cleanup efforts. She stated various government-to-government agreements were developed with China, Russia, and Japan. She mentioned that progress had been steady and that SRS had become a key participant in many DOE and EM international activities and continued to be positioned to assist Japan in the cleanup of Fukushima. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Presentation: Site Historical Preservation Update – Mary Beth Reed, New South Associates

Ms. Reed stated the purpose of her presentation was to fulfill an S&LM Committee Work Plan topic by providing an update of the SRS Cold War Preservation Program. She explained that the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) was the main driver of the program, which required federal agencies to survey, identify, and preserve historic artifacts from the years 1950 to 1989. She said the program objectives were resource identification, documentation, preservation, curation, public outreach, and compliance. She said that approximately 220 Cold War significant resources had been identified since 1998. Ms. Reed described different ways that extensive documentation and preservation efforts, such as photography and thematic studies, helped link plant processes and “allow us to keep what we can” at SRS for future generations. She spoke briefly about the 315-M Curatorial Facility, stating that the facility housed thousands of artifacts identified at SRS. She commented that one of the program’s most important objectives was public outreach and listed specific ways the public could learn about SRS. She addressed ways that DOE remained compliant with the NHPA before presenting a featured artifact.

Ms. Reed mentioned that the featured artifact she planned to discuss was too big to bring to the meeting because it was a suite of seven rooms known as a “special emergency room and isolation area,” once located in the medial building’s “Deacon Suite.” She said that the area was created to treat critically irradiated personnel in case of an accident at SRS. She provided images of the rooms, including the lead bath that was installed due to a 1961 accident in Idaho. She said even though the suite was never used, the level of detail and preparedness involved in its construction showed how safety at SRS had been a main theme since the 1950’s. You can view this presentation on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Committee Discussion:

CAB member Nangle encouraged the S&LM Committee to discuss the possibility of drafting a recommendation regarding ways to promote and support activities of SRNL. This discussion can be found on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

CAB member Nangle adjourned the S&LM Committee meeting.
Public Comment:

Mr. Joe Ortaldo, Heritage Foundation, informed the CAB that in July another funding effort by “Aiken Together” would possibly allow for construction of a museum for the Heritage Foundation in downtown Aiken, SC. He explained that the funding would also enable more work to be done at the African American Cultural Center and Railroad Museum, which are also located in Aiken. Mr. Ortaldo mentioned that the Heritage Foundation museum could include various SRS artifacts, which could generate more interest and public knowledge about SRS.

The next S&LM Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, from 4:00-5:50 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC.

The online recording of this meeting is located on the CAB’s website at: cab.srs.gov