SRS Citizens Advisory Board
Chair Update

D. N. Bridges- Chair
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Augusta, GA
Welcome

• Welcome to Augusta.
• Happy New Year!!
• This is the first meeting of the new year for CAB.
• Thanks for the efforts by CAB Support Team to set up these meetings.
• Since this is my last meeting and you have a new chair I will shorten my comments.
CAB Membership Update

- Thanks to each and every one of you.
- I have enjoyed the job immensely.
- You have been a wonderful group to work with.
- I want to speak to each Board member personally and just tell you how much you have meant to me.
- This job has been a superb experience.
CAB Membership Update

• CAB Membership – 25 members
• Turnover of 5 members for 2014
  ▫ 3 members – rotating off with 6 yr. tenure
    • Kathy Golden, Ed Burke, Don Bridges
  ▫ 2 recent resignations
    • Artisha Bolding and John Snedeker
• 2014 Board Makeup is good mix.
• New members arrive for March meeting.
SRS CAB Makeup- 2014

• 2014 Board Makeup
  ▫ 5 New members
  ▫ 6 Members with one-year experience
  ▫ 6 Members with two-years experience
  ▫ 5 Members with three-years experience
  ▫ 3 Members with five years experience

• Marolyn, Rose and Cleveland have one year left on Board.
Board Membership

• Each member is appointed by DOE HQ for a two-year term.
• Members are selected to reflect practically every segment of society.
• Every two years a sitting Board member must reapply for an additional term.
• Members are term limited to 3 terms or 6 years.
• In years past that limitation did not exist so some members served for more than 6 years.
Work Plan Meeting

• The planning for the 2014 work plan is focused on the Committees and the Committee Chairs.

• Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 for a full day at the DOE Meeting Center, Aiken.

• Essential that Committee Chairs or their Vice-Chairs attend.

• Other members may attend but no travel money is available.
I was looking over my notes from one of the first meetings that I attended in 2008 as a member.

The Chairman asked for our input on which issues should be included in the Top Issues of concern to express to the Assistant Secretary EM.

My input was not reflected in the final list but I did want to show it to you for reference.

This will tend to confirm what I have jokingly said many times- DOE moves at a very measured slow pace.
DNB Input: Issues of Concern

Approx. June 2008

- Timely Processing of Salt Waste for Disposition
  - ARP and MCP for interim processing (good)
  - SWPF for full processing of most of HLW. (not so good)
- Timely Processing of Pu in H-Canyon in the absence of Pu Vitrification process. (not so good)
- Processing of Pu for MOX facility use. (moving slowly)
- Consolidation and management of Pu at SRS. (good)
- Meeting of Site closure commitments in view of scaled back budget. (not so good)
Observations

- DOE has been a good steward of cleanup but progress for this six-year period has been slow.
  - SWPF still a couple of years away.
  - Pu being processed but at very slow rate for WIPP and MOX. (Not a lot of material processed).
  - **Consolidation and Management of Pu at SRS- Success.**
  - Meeting of Site Closure commitments with scaled-back budget (Somewhat Good but Site closure date in 2030s is now slipping to 2040s)
- Overall, this business of cleanup is not a fast moving process.
A Few Passing Comments

• Over the past 6 years I have been impressed with the competence, diligence, and the overall cleanup regulatory framework.

• I feel that cleanup is being carried out by very capable, well-meaning people truly dedicated to their jobs.

• Further, most of the cleanup is being done to regulations, laws, or other regulatory guidelines that are established above the local Site level.
A Few Passing Comments

• While most of the work is being carried out in a capable, diligent manner I wonder if we shouldn’t all step back a little and assess in some cases if perhaps we are cleaning beyond a “responsible” or cost effective level.

• I’m suggesting a look in a thoughtful manner based on scientific assessment- not a “willy-nilley” reduction just to save money.
A Few Passing Comments

- Cleanup is costing untold treasure—$60 B + for SRS that will last into the 2040s.
- Every $100 M spent for cleanup is not available for Highways, Hospitals, Health Care, and other projects for the national common good.
List of Examples in Rhetorical Sense

- Cleanup of Old Army Barracks and Artillery Site in the middle of “no where” that has been inactive and abandoned for 60 years.
- Cleanup of metal from rifle range bullets located in middle of Site many miles from boundary.
- Cleanup of one small part of Site swamp to reduce exposure assuming someone swam 18 hours a day for 90 days a year in creek. (PS-Anyone familiar with those dose-risk curves know they ”overestimate” the potential risk.)
- Cleanup of HLW tanks so that 10,000 years from now a person will only get 20 mr radiation (500-600 mr typical annual level for everyone.) assuming person lived 100 meters from discharge point and got max. exposure from swimming, fish, crops, etc.
A Few Passing Comments

- Most of the “heavy lifting” for regulatory reform would have to come from HQ or above but it may be worth raising the question from time to time.
- I’m fully aware that this involves decisions at high levels and present work is dictated by established regulations.
- Good Luck.
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Emphasis for the CAB

- I feel these are the proper focus areas.
- Marolyn and each of you should reassess for your own view of 2014 and beyond.
- Focus for past two years:
  - Input from each CAB member.
  - More public involvement.
  - More recommendations to DOE.
EM SSAB Chairs’ FY 14 Focus Areas

This is also a good list that may influence you somewhat:

• Budget Priorities
• Identifying Community Expectations with Reduced Funding
• Broadening Community Participation in EM SSAB Membership, Meetings.
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?”

• Go out and tell the world that you are a CAB member.
Final Parting Comment to each CAB Member

Respect Your Elders.