The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, from 6:30-8:20 p.m., at the New Ellenton Community Center in New Ellenton, South Carolina. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a presentation about the final approved Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Appendix E. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB:         DOE/Contractors/Others:       Agency Liaisons:       Stakeholders:
Tom Barnes – Chair       Candice Freeman, DOE-SR       Shane Shull, SCDHEC       Marolyn Parson
Bill Rhoten – Vice Chair       Avery Hammett, DOE-SR       John Simpkins, SCDHEC       Rose Hayes
Harold Simon – CAB Chair       de’Lisa Carrico, DOE-SR       Dan Hanson
Nina Spinelli – CAB Vice Chair       James Tanner, Time Solutions
Ed Sturcken       Tina Watson, Time Solutions
Louie Chavis – Online       Shelia McFalls, SRNS
Dawn Gillas

Welcome and Introduction:

CAB member Tom Barnes welcomed everyone, and stated the meeting was being streamed online. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. He discussed the committee’s focus, and provided a brief recommendation status update, stating recommendations 315, 317, 327, and 329 were open. CAB member Barnes introduced Ms. Avery Hammett, DOE-SR, who serves as the FD&SR Committee DOE Point of Contact. Ms. Hammett provided a brief update of ongoing DOE activities relating to the FD&SR Committee. CAB member Barnes then introduced Ms. Candice Freeman, DOE-SR, to begin her presentation.

Presentation: Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Appendix E – Candice Freeman, DOE-SR

Ms. Freeman stated the purpose of her presentation was to complete a FD&SR 2015 Work Plan topic by discussing the final FFA Appendix E. She said the FFA provided a lifecycle list of cleanup milestones for SRS waste sites. She mentioned FFA Appendix E included cleanup milestones for SRS waste sites and explained Appendix E’s three parts were “E.1,” “E.2,” and “E.3.” She said Appendix E.1 was for the first year, Appendix E.2 was for the second year, and Appendix E.3 was for year three and beyond. Ms. Freeman provided the schedule for preparing, submitting, revising, and issuing Appendix E before listing various documents within the FFA. She provided charts that discussed the fiscal year 2015 Appendix E major changes and the impact of regulatory comments and agreements. She discussed upcoming remedial/ removal decision documents, which included Revision 0 D-Area Ash Basin Removal Site Evaluation Report/ Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Environmental Protection Agency on February 26, 2016. She said the document was projected to be available for a 30-day public comment period starting in May 2016. This presentation is available on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Committee Discussion:

CAB member Tom Barnes asked if the FD&SR Committee had any comments or additional matters to discuss; however, there was no further discussion. CAB member Barnes asked if there were any public comments. You can listen to this discussion on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov
Public Comments

Ms. Marolyn Parson, public, discussed DOE’s response to recommendation 329, “Providing Opportunity for the public to Provide Written Comments on Savannah River Site Cleanup Decisions.” Ms. Parson said DOE partially accepted the recommendation. She discussed subpart 1 of DOE’s response stating she felt it was surprising that DOE did not accept subpart 1. Ms. Parson said the FFA Community Involvement Plan listed public comment timeframes for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). She said the amount of time the public was given for comment periods could be extended since the Community Involvement Plan said “at least” 35 days for CERCLA and “at least” 45 days for RCRA. Ms. Parson said there was also a formal way to request an extension for a public comment period. Ms. Parson stated the second paragraph of DOE’s response to recommendation 329 was “strange” and she referenced to page 15 of the FFA Community Involvement Plan to discuss the CAB’s role in providing input for cleanup decisions at SRS. A copy of CAB recommendation 329 and DOE’s response are located on the CAB’s website.

CAB member Barnes adjourned the FD&SR Committee meeting.

The next FD&SR Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, from 6:30-8:20 p.m., at the New Ellenton Community Center in New Ellenton, SC.

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