Summary Notes – October 13, 2015
Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
Strategic & Legacy Management (S&LM) Committee Meeting

The S&LM Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, from 4:30-6:20 p.m., at the New Ellenton Community Center in New Ellenton, South Carolina. It was also streamed online via Google Hangouts and posted to the CAB’s website and YouTube page. The purpose of this meeting was to receive presentations on the SRS Budget Update. There was also time set aside for committee discussion and public comments.

Attendees:

CAB:  
Bob Doerr–S&LM Chair  
James Streeter–S&LM Vice Chair  
Nina Spinelli–CAB Vice Chair  
Gil Allensworth  
David Hoel  
George Snyder  

DOE/Contractors/Others:  
Jack Craig, DOE-SR  
Rich Olsen, DOE-SR  
Michael Mikolanis, DOE-SR  
Jim Giusti, DOE-SR  
De’Lisa Carrico, DOE-SR  
John Lopez, DOE-SR  
Avery Hammett, DOE-SR  
Amy Meyer, SRNS  
James Tanner, Time Solutions  
Tina Watson, Time Solutions  

Agency Liaisons:  
John Simpkin, SCDHEC  
__________, EPA  

Stakeholders:  
Martha Ruthven, Rep. Joe Wilson  
Joe Ortaldo  

Welcome and Introduction:

Committee Chair Bob Doerr asked everyone to introduce themselves, including online attendees. He briefly reviewed the committee’s purpose. He provided a recommendation status update stating recommendations 323 and 331 were open, while recommendation 333 was pending. Committee Chair Doerr introduced Mr. Rich Olsen, DOE-SR, who serves as the S&LM Committee DOE Point of Contact, to provide a brief informational status update for ongoing activities relevant to the S&LM Committee. Mr. Olsen gave a brief verbal update. Committee Chair Doerr then introduced John Lopez, DOE-SR, to give his presentation.

Presentation: Savannah River Site Budget Update– John Lopez, DOE-SR

John Lopez began his presentation with an overview of where things stood for Fiscal Year 2016. He stated that Congress had passed a Continuing Resolution for funding through December 11, 2015. SRS workforce and activities should not be affected. He then gave a high-level overview of the budget process. CAB Member Hoel asked for what Fiscal Year was the Integrated Priority List given by the CAB earlier that spring. Rich Olsen and John Lopez confirmed that the IPL given earlier by the CAB was for Fiscal Year 2017. Further discussion was held on the details provided to the CAB for their IPL input. CAB Member Allensworth asked what the last year was that the President signed a budget. John Lopez explained that the President signs a budget every year, but it varies in form, some years it is a Continuing Resolution and some years an Omnibus budget. Jack Craig further explained that the last time a budget was approved by Congress and signed by a President was about 13 years ago. Further discussion was held on levels of increase in the budget. CAB Member Streeter asked what month the Fiscal Year starts in. John Lopez stated the Fiscal Year starts October 1st. CAB Member Hoel asked if there was an allotment under a Continuing Resolution. John Lopez explained that they currently have a 72-day allotment per PBS to run until December 11, 2015. Mr. Lopez further explained that monies cannot be transferred between PBS. Discussion was held on OMB Passback. Discussion was also held on level of detail under PBS. Mr. Lopez then continued his presentation with a discussion of PBS, what types of programs are under each PBS, and the levels funded for each in FY15 as well as what was requested for FY16. Other discussions were held off-topic. Mr. Lopez finished his presentation with a discussion of budget terminology. CAB Member Allensworth asked for a quick synopsis of the budget that the CAB members can relay to the public. Mr. Lopez said that overall it is a good news story. A copy of this presentation is on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov.

Committee Discussion:

Committee Chair Doerr introduced committee discussion with the response to CAB Recommendation 331. DOE responded back to the CAB with options for meeting locations. Committee Chair Doerr read the recommendations and the two options: (1) 6 bi-monthly Full Board meetings at various locations and 5 bi-monthly committee meetings in New Ellenton; (2) 4 Full Board meetings throughout the area and 4 committee meetings in New Ellenton but would allow for online training program. Lengthy discussion was held on the options. CAB Member Hoel requested that DOE look at doing 2 downriver meetings, 1 Augusta meeting, and 3 in New Ellenton. The topic of CAB member attendance at downriver meetings was also discussed. Committee Chair Doerr summarized the discussion and called for a vote on what would be presented to the Full Board. The
Committee accepted his summary to present to the Full Board in November. Discussion was then held on the balance of the recommendation responses. Committee Chair Doerr stated that he will recommend that 331 be closed at the November Full Board. CAB Member Streeter raised the question of getting mileage for attending any of the events. Jim Giusti stated that up to three members would be compensated for travel in the general area. Anything requiring travel outside of the general area would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. This discussion can be found on the CAB website at: cab.srs.gov

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

CAB member Doerr adjourned the S&LM Committee meeting.

The next S&LM Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, from 4:30-6:20 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