



CAB Chair Update

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Why the EM SSAB was Created

Excerpts from the EM SSAB Mission Statement

The EM SSAB was created to involve stakeholders more directly in DOE EM cleanup decisions. When stakeholders share their opinions by becoming involved in clean-up discussions, federal decision-makers and cleanup activities are improved. **Public input helps agencies to make decisions that are cost-effective, community-specific and environmentally sound, which lead to faster, safer cleanups.**

governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which was enacted to ensure that the general public has access to advisory board deliberations and recommendations. **While only one FACA-chartered EM SSAB exists, 8 local boards have been organized under its umbrella charter.** They include the Hanford Advisory Board, Idaho National Laboratory Citizens Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board, Nevada SSAB, Oak Ridge SSAB, Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board, Portsmouth SSAB, and Paducah Citizens Advisory Board.

which reflects a full diversity of views, cultures, and demographics from affected communities and regions, is composed primarily of people who are directly affected by site cleanup activities. Members include stakeholders from local governments, Tribal Nations, environmental and civic groups, labor organizations, universities, industry, and other interested citizens.

EM SSAB Charter

Excerpts from the Charter



Authority

This charter establishes the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (Board) under the authority of the U.S. Department of Energy. The Board is being renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C, App. 2.

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Objectives & Scope of Activities

The EM SSAB will provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM), the appropriate Department of Energy (DOE) Field Managers or Assistant Managers for EM activities, and any other DOE official the Assistant Secretary shall designate with advice and recommendations concerning issues affecting the EM program at various sites. At the request of the Assistant Secretary or the Field Managers, the Board may provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues:

- clean-up standards and environmental restoration
 - waste management and disposition
- stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials
 - excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship
 - risk assessment and management
 - and clean-up science and technology activities.

The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any other EM project or issue.



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Description of Duties

The duties of the board are solely advisory. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for this Committee: the Department of Energy. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of Environmental Management.