

Summary Notes – December 11th, 2018
 Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
 Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FDSR) Committee Meeting

The FDSR Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, December 11th, 2018, from 4:30 – 6:20 pm, at the Department of Energy Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via YouTube and posted to the CAB website and YouTube channel.

Attendees:

<u>CAB:</u> Gil Allensworth Betty Cook Eleanor Hopson Doug Howard Daniel Kaminski Gregg Murray - Online Joyce Underwood	<u>DOE/Contractors/Others:</u> Jim Folk, DOE-SR Avery Hammett, DOE-SR de’Lisa Carrico, DOE-SR Karen Vangelas, SRNS Kristin Huber, SRNS Jim Fudge, SRNS Ted Millings, SRNS Charlie Davis, USFS-SR James Tanner, S&K Federica Staton, S&K Chelsea Gitzen, S&K	<u>Agency Liaisons:</u> None <u>Stakeholders:</u> None
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Committee Welcome: Joyce Underwood, FDSR Chair
 Ms. Underwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Point of Contact Status Update: Avery Hammett, DOE-SR
 Ms. Hammett reviewed the current projects related to the committee prevue.

Q&A Session

None.

Committee Discussion: Annual Site Environmental Report
 Ms. Underwood opened the discussion on this presentation from the November full board meeting.

Mr. Kaminski asked if there has been an individual from the public exposed to over 100 mrem. Ms. Vangelas answered that she didn’t have that information. Mr. Kaminski then asked what the maximum dose a member of the public has been exposed to. Ms. Vangelas replied that she did not know of any instance, but there is DOE guidance for investigating instances such as that.

Mr. Tanner prompted CAB members to think of their survey answers from the previous full board meeting.

Mr. Howard summarized his positive opinions about the ASER, to which Mr. Kaminski agreed.

Mr. Allensworth also agreed with Mr. Howard’s opinions, and noted that the report is done extremely well in a way that makes the information digestible to the public. Mr. Allensworth then noted that anyone who expresses an issue with the ASER has opinions regarding the

science it contains, not the actual report itself. He continued by stating that the ASER is easy and understandable, and he especially appreciated the football analogy.

Ms. Hopson stated that the ASER is an extensive report, then asked where it is distributed. Ms. Vangelas responded that the document is available online, and they're currently trying to figure out the best mode of distribution. She added that she had brought some to her doctor's office as well as the CAB, and would appreciate any CAB input on the matter. Ms. Hopson suggested that the ASER be distributed in public schools. Ms. Vangelas noted that they used to do that, but they received no request after that so they stopped. Ms. Hopson pointed out that they're probably not getting requests for the ASER because it's available online. Ms. Hammett also noted that there is also a press release and social media posts created when a new ASER comes out.

Mr. Kaminski asked for website and social media statistics, but Ms. Vangelas answered that she did not have that information, but she could provide it to the CAB following the meeting. She further noted that site employees often use the online version. Mr. Kaminski then asked if earth or life sciences teachers have been targeted to gauge their interest in receiving copies of the ASER. Ms. Vangelas replied no, just the principals. Ms. Carrico added that copies of the ASER are also brought to Environmental Justice meetings.

Ms. Underwood asked if DOE-SR could send out mailers to the public regarding the ASER, and if there's any value in doing that. Ms. Vangelas responded that they used to do that also and offered to send copies of the ASER to anyone who responded to the mailer to request one, but they did not receive many requests. Ms. Underwood then asked if the local news recirculated the ASER press releases. Ms. Vangelas answered that she did not know.

Committee Discussion: Environmental Management Systems

Ms. Underwood opened the discussion on this presentation from the previous full board meeting. She then asked for the quantity and cost of the oyster shells used on site. Mr. Millings replied that he did not know yet, but is working on finding the answer.

Draft Recommendation: Pollinator Management Plan

Mr. Tanner summarized the history of this recommendation, and why it has been brought back to the FDSR committee.

Mr. Kaminski asked if indigenous plants should be included, and stressed their importance. Ms. Underwood asked if SRS plants any non-indigenous species on site. Mr. Davis responded that they prefer to use native plants. Mr. Tanner suggested adding the word in the first recommendation, which was accepted.

Mr. Kaminski asked if the CAB could get a subject matter expert to answer recommendation three, to which Mr. Fudge answered that all pesticides and herbicides used on site are regulated. He added that biologically friendly versions of those chemicals are used as much as possible. Ms. Underwood asked if they should keep the third recommendation. Mr. Kaminski replied that he felt it should be kept in the recommendation so that DOE addresses it. Mr. Fudge noted that herbicide affects pollinators more than anything, and the majority is used in facility areas next to flower beds where pollinators won't be. He further noted that regulating trees creates an area for herbs and shrubs to grow.

Mr. Howard asked what the oversight for the herbicide and pesticide is. Mr. Fudge responded that herbicide is used on tree-growing management which is done by the Forest Service, and

SRNS uses it around facilities. He added that he did not see how it's possible that both would treat the same area twice.

Mr. Kaminski asked if herbicide kills the purple passion flower which is a great resource for pollinators. Mr. Fudge answered yes, but added that it's intentional in targeted areas and the chemicals are not broadcasted. Mr. Kaminski then asked what the site needs in order to not kill things unnecessarily. Mr. Fudge replied that the whole industry is moving towards that and not killing everything in the right of way, which not only kills pollinator habitat, it's also not good stewardship. He added that those means are used as it comes available and affordable.

Mr. Allensworth motioned to forward this draft recommendation to the full board yet again. This was seconded and passed with 6 yay.

Public Comment

None.

~Meeting Adjourned