



Monday, September 21, 2020
Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Full Board
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via WebEx

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Attendance

Board Members

Gil Allensworth, Chair	Julia Ball	Phyllis Britt
Kandace Cave	Jim Guille, SLM Chair	AK Hasan, WM Chair
Charles Hilton, NM Chair	Ruth Hollingsworth	Narinder Malik, FDSR Vice Chair
Gregg Murray, Vice Chair	Malcolm Philips, FDSR Chair	David Vovakes, SLM Vice Chair
Bobbie Williams, A&O Chair		

Absent Members

Carlos Cato	Betty Cook	David Eisele, NM Vice Chair
DeAndre Davis	Dan Kaminski	Jerry Mossbarger
Kenneth Sajwan	Robert Smith	Karl Steene

SRS Personnel

Amy Boyette, DDFO, DOE-SR	Michael Budney, Site Manager, DOE-SR	de'Lisa Carrico, Federal Coordinator, DOE-SR	Bill Clark, DOE-SR
Angelia Homes, DOE-SR	Thomas Johnson, Deputy Site Manager, DOE-SR	Jimmy McMillian, DOE-SR	Maxcine Maxted, DOE-SR
Kim Rapp, DOE-SR	Chris Caldwell, SRNS	Kristin Huber, SRNS	

SRS CAB Support Staff (S&K Logistics)

Heather McWilliams, Meeting Planner	Federica Staton, Graphic Designer	James Tanner, CAB Administrator
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Agency Liaisons & Public

Susan Fulmer, SC DHEC	Grace Anne Martin, SC DHEC	Gregory O'Quinn, SC DHEC
Rob Pope, EPA	Jon Richards, EPA	Virginia Jones
Kelsey Shank, The EDGE	Wayne Barber	



Acronym List

A&O	Administrative & Outreach	LW	Liquid Waste
AMC	Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative	NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
CAB	Citizens Advisory Board	NM	Nuclear Materials
Deactivation & Decommissioning		PILT	Payment in Lieu of Taxes
DHEC	Department of Health & Environmental Control	PBS	Program Baseline Summary
DOE	Department of Energy	SWPF	Salt Waste Processing Facility
DDFO	Designated Deputy Federal Officer	SDU	Saltstone Disposal Unit
EM	Office of Environmental Management	SR	Savannah River
EPA	Environmental Planning Agency	SRNS	Savannah River Nuclear Solutions
FDSR	Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation	SRR	Savannah River Remediation
FY	Fiscal Year	SRS	Savannah River Site
GA	Georgia	TRU	Transuranic Waste
HQ	Headquarters	SC	South Carolina
IPL	Integrated Priority List	SLM	Strategic & Legacy Management
		WM	Waste Management



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Meeting began at 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLNrmPzbceM>

Chair Update: Gil Allensworth, CAB Chair

Mr. Allensworth opened the meeting thanking the board members in their continued participation with virtual meetings. He appreciated everyone working hard through the pandemic.

Meeting Rules & Agenda Review: James Tanner, CAB Facilitator

Mr. Tanner thanked all those who attended the virtual meeting back in June and for the completed Integrated Priority List letter. Mr. Tanner had the board members in attendance go around and state their board position, how many years on the CAB, their background, and what interested them in joining the board.

Site Manager Update

Department of Energy Savannah River (DOE-SR) Field Manager, Mr. Budney started off the Agency updates with an overview on how the SRS workers were handling Covid-19 at the workplace. Mr. Budney talked about the SRS Infectious Disease Response Team and how that group tracked the local Covid numbers. Mr. Budney said a plan was put in place for the complex. Mr. Budney stated some operations were not able to telework or shut down due to their mission. Mr. Budney said SRS currently has a mask mandate in place and listed other procedures currently in place. SRS is the first site to utilize the reclassification of High-Level Waste. Some waste previously classified as HLW was reclassified as non-HLW. The new process is going well even during a pandemic. Mr. Budney said the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) is currently under Critical Decision 4. Mr. Budney said SWPF is moving closer to hot commissioning. Mr. Budney said the final request for proposal for the Integrated Mission Complete Contract will be coming out soon. The paramilitary contract selection process is still ongoing. Mr. Budney said proposals were received and now being reviewed for the Savannah River National Laboratory contract.

Site Manager Q&A

Mr. Allensworth asked if the contract for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions had an option year after their 2021 expiration date. Mr. Budney said SRNS had two one-year option periods. Mr. Allensworth asked if the public was able to provide their opinions when the SRNS contract goes to bid. Mr. Budney said the public can give comments, but it has not been part of the contract evaluation.

Mr. Guille remarked he was impressed with the progress of SWPF. Mr. Guille wanted to know if the progress with SWPF would impact TCCR. Mr. Budney said SWPF and TCCR would both be running at the same time.



Mr. Malik asked about the status of the Saltstone waste storage. Mr. Budney said they were making good progress and workers were able to have two shifts to stay on schedule. Mr. Budney provided a construction background on the Saltstone Disposal Units.

Ms. Williams asked about the security contract. Mr. Budney said the contract is in the final stages of review. Ms. Williams asked when it would be issued. Mr. Budney said there wasn't a set date. DOE-SR Deputy Manager Thomas Johnson said the current paramilitary contract has been extended in four month increments and will continue to do so.

Malcolm Philips asked about a recent Notice of Violation due to a massive amount of rainfall. Ms. Holmes said it was recorded in the monthly report her group sends. Mr. Philips asked if the recent rainfall made any more abnormalities across the site. Ms. Holmes nothing has been recorded at this time. Mr. Budney said the rate of rainfall received was bit too much for the gutters on the building.

EPA Update and Q&A

Jon Richards and Rob Pope gave a background on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) updates. Mr. Richards said EPA was still utilizing telework as much as possible. Mr. Richards talked about his experience at the Waste Management Symposium in Phoenix, Arizona, and EPA's role with SRS. Mr. Richards talked about visiting 235-F at SRS this past month. Mr. Pope gave kudos to the progress with SWPF. It is not an EPA approvable facility, but it has an important mission with SRS.

Ms. Ball said the local paper, The Post & Courier, said President relaxed environmental regulations. She wanted to know how this has impacted SRS. Mr. Richards said the Superfund program has not been cut or changed. The program remains the same when it comes to working with SRS and their region has been able to hire some unlike other programs. Mr. Pope said EPA has seen some budget plus ups for their groups. Mr. Pope said the Superfund is more of a cleanup program instead of a regulatory program.

SCDHEC Update and Q&A

Susan Fulmer was not able to provide an update due to audio problems. Grace Anne Martin with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) provided a background on the Environmental Surveillance & Oversight Program.

Mr. Phillips asked why SRS had a good relationship with EPA and SCDHEC. Mr. Richards said trust, long-term relationships, and management support has helped. Even with disagreements both sides can work together. Mr. Pope said putting together a core team for all sides helped make the process better. The core team is three individuals between EPA, the state, and SRS.

Mr. Philips asked about the status of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) because of it's important with SRS. Ms. Maxted said DOE does keep track of what is going on with WIPP because it is used with the Transuranic (TRU) waste shipments. Ms. Maxted said DOE has meetings with WIPP to make sure everything is going smoothly. Mr. Allensworth said he was able to tour WIPP due to an All-Chairs meeting. Mr. Allensworth stated SRS is doing everything possible to work with WIPP. Mr. Budney said there is a TRU Board and SRS has a seat at the table.



Mr. Vovakes wanted to know if the shipments of down blended material would go to WIPP in 2021. Ms. Maxted said the material would need to be certified by WIPP by meeting their characterization requirements. Current schedule shows shipments being made in 2023.

Group took 10-minute break.

Susan Fulmer was able to get her audio work for an update. Ms. Fulmer provided the website for SCDHEC Covid-19 useful tips. Ms. Fulmer said SCDHEC staff were still able to make site visits to SRS. Ms. Fulmer congratulated DOE SR on the SWPF milestones. Ms. Fulmer said SCDHEC, and EPA completed a tour of 235-F last week. Ms. Fulmer gave a timeline of upcoming SCDHEC projects with SRS.

Committee Round Robin

Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdx2IQqVhLU>

Mr. Philips appraised Brian Hennessey on his presentation. Mr. Philips provided an overview on the presentation. The presentation covered the Federal Facility Agreement (Federal Facility Agreement) and the milestones connected to it. Mr. Philips said the FFA projects are important because the facilities need to be closed out as safely as possible.

Nuclear Materials

Mr. Hilton the electrolytic dissolver at H Canyon. He is looking forward to the October presentation on it. Mr. Hilton believes H Canyon is a very important part of SRS.

Strategic & Legacy Management

Mr. Guille said the Integrated Priority Letter was covered at the June Meeting and the CAB did an excellent job completing the letter. Mr. Guille said he was looking forward to a presentation on the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative.

Waste Management - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eox8oE7JWVI>

Mr. Hasan welcomed everyone on the committee and thanked Kandace Cave on agreeing to be the Vice Chair. Mr. Hasan gave an overview on the SWPF presentation provided by Patricia Suggs. Mr. Hasan thanked DOE senior management, EPA, SCDHEC, and CAB support for organizing the online meetings and presentations.

Administrative & Outreach

Ms. Williams just thanked the CAB staff for their continued support. Ms. Williams stated her committee was limited to Covid-19. Mr. Tanner stated no tours were taking place at this time. Mr. Vovakes asked if there was an acting DDFO for all the advisory boards. Mr. Tanner stated Kelly Snyder with the Nevada board would take over the role.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Allensworth said he understands some CAB members only want to meet in person, but DOE must follow the guidelines coming out of headquarters. Mr. Allensworth thanked the committee chairs for their hard work.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were made.

Meeting ended 2:44pm EST

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