



August 19, 2025
Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
Subcommittee Meeting Summary
Microsoft TEAMS, Aiken, SC

Meeting began at 4:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting Introduction: James Tanner, DOE-SR, DDFO

Mr. Tanner commenced the virtual August Subcommittee meeting by announcing the approval of the membership package. He welcomed all attendees, particularly the new members, and acknowledged the unusual circumstance of having their first interaction being a virtual meeting due to the timing of the package approval. He assured the new members that an orientation session would be organized, allowing them to meet current members and gain an in-depth understanding of the CAB's mission before the full board meeting in September. Mr. Tanner clarified the distinctions between subcommittee and full board meetings to the attendees.

Meeting Introduction: Juanita Campbell, S&K, CAB Administrator

Ms. Campbell welcomed everyone to the virtual August Subcommittee meeting and introduced the Chair, Ms. Phyllis Britt.

Ms. Britt welcomed everyone and expressed her enthusiasm for the addition of new board members. She shared insights from a recent meeting she had with the GAO about land use at SRS, emphasizing that the NNSA is now the landlord of the site.

The board members then introduced themselves.

Matt Baker with the Facility Disposition and Site Remediation Committee introduced himself to the board. He did not have any updates at this time.

Tony Polk, AMNMS, reported significant advancements towards the fiscal year goals, including processing spent nuclear fuel, down blending plutonium, and various facility upgrades. He highlighted the completion of small infrastructure projects and achievements in the solid waste management sector, particularly concerning TRU (transuranic) waste shipments.

John Clark, senior technical manager for the Liquid Waste Program, highlighted significant progress, including successful removal of high-risk waste from tanks and the replacement of SWPF filters to enhance filtration. While not yet at full capacity, operations are improving. The final major task involves bringing the crane in the Canyon and the Defense Waste Processing Facility back online, which is expected by the end of the month or around Labor Day weekend, with hopes of full operation by the first of September.

Ms. Britt asked was there an attempt to restart the SWPF, that she heard an issue occurred but had been resolved? She wanted an explanation of what the problem was.



John Clark provided a detailed explanation and confirmed that operations were now back on track.

Ms. Campbell stated that there had been some inquiries regarding the radioactive wasps. She then turned the meeting over to Joel Maul with the liquid waste program and Wesley Bryan, senior vice president for ESH and QA, who gave an overview. Mr. Bryan explained that there was a discovered wasp nest near a contamination control area, leading to an occurrence report that resulted in media inquiries and confusion about contamination versus radiation exposure. The contamination was found to be much lower than natural background radiation and not a health concern. The wasps identified were paper wasps, which typically travel short distances and have brief lifespans. The board members' questions and discussion highlighted the need for better communication to prevent confusion. The board members raised questions about the contamination source, the nature of the wasps and their nests, and requested more transparent communication and monitoring.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Campbell reminded the board that the September Full Board meeting is scheduled for September 23rd. She noted that the meeting will be held at the new AMC building at USC-Aiken. She announced that a Google form for RSVPs would be sent via email.

The meeting ended at 4:47pm