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 Military Training Activities

Work Plan Topic

<b>Topic 3</b>	<b>Work Plan Item:</b>	<b>Military Partnership</b>
	Description:	The Military continues to use Savannah River Site for training areas.  From a community perspective, provide recommendations on military land use and land permit at SRS.
	Recommendation Deadline:	September 2019

Background

Having access to high quality training areas with realistic infrastructure to include domestic and international threat scenarios is in high demand throughout all military services which could include city, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Current and future military training areas are based on the capabilities of the training areas and the immediate access to these sites. SRS provides the sustainment of realistic training land and infrastructure conditions that are conducive to all branches of military services to include city, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Savannah River Site has and can offer unique training facilities on site. Onsite training by these agencies would not only enhance the training of these services and agencies. But, it would also help and enhance the current and future missions at SRS. In June 2007, the Department of the Army signed an agreement to facilitate training at SRS. Military training at SRS was originally coordinated with Ft. Gordon's training command. As the South Carolina National Guard (SCNG) began using SRS for military training more frequently, SCNG agreed to provide a full-time liaison for National Guard and other military units that desired to use some of the unique training opportunities at SRS. The idea of having a representative from the SCNG as a full-time liaison is well supported by all interested parties. Mainly because of the obtained institutional knowledge of the daily complexities of the site.

Through the partnership of Department of Energy and the Department of the Army, the South Carolina National Guard has completed numerous projects that have benefited the site and the SCNG. Some of these projects include a new fire pond dam, replacing the B-area storm water basin and clearing twenty 1,000-foot sludge lanes damaged by the Feb 2014 ice storm. The SCNG's 124th, 125th and 122 Engineer companies used SRS to conduct an annual training exercise. This exercise helped these units complete projects in earthmoving, brush clearing and erosion control. As SCNG began using SRS for military training more frequently, they agreed to provide a full-time liaison for National Guard and other military units that desired to use some of the unique training opportunities at SRS. DOE's letter dated Dec 15, 2016, in response to CAB recommendation 342 states that "SRS will not

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expand joint training by reaching out to other military units outside of the SCNG. It is the SCNG's responsibility to inform other potential military users of SRS's different training venues. DOE does not directly interact with prospective military units seeking to train at SRS."

Recommendation

The Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) recommends that DOE-SR:

1. Establish the South Carolina National Guard as the single point of reference for military, and city, state and federal law enforcement agencies.