



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Risk Management Working Group

Meeting Record

July 15, 1998

North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, SC

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee met on July 15, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center, N. Augusta, S.C. The purpose of the meeting was to review the update of the Comprehensive Plan, review the revision to the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Plan and receive an update on the Risk Management Working Group. CAB members present were P. K. Smith and Wade Waters. Members of the public attending were Lee Poe, Sam Booher, Jerry Devitt, Bob Overman, Paulette Fix, and Murray Riley. Gary Little from the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) attended as the Federal Associated Deputy Designated Federal Official. Beth LeMaster, Bill Jarvis, Steve Stine and Dave Wilson attended as members of the USDA Forest Service, Savannah River Natural Resource Management and Research Institute. Chuck Borup and Dennis Ryan attended as members of DOE-SR. Members of Westinghouse Savannah River Company attending were Chris Noah, Mike Nelson, Shelia McFalls, Gail Jernigan and Jim Moore.

All members introduced themselves and Chuck Borup, DOE-SR, was introduced as the first presenter.

Mr. Borup stated that the presentation would be on the Comprehensive Plan and that the purpose of the presentation was to solicit help from the public in developing the plan. He stated the plan was expected to be completed in the October/December time frame. Mr. Borup introduced Dr. Noah.

Dr. Noah reviewed the plan hierarchy and history, stating that the purpose was an integration of existing plans. The plan would outline current and future needs of the Site. The plan would not be technical and would assist in decision making. Dr. Noah reviewed the work done on the SRS Strategic and the Future Use Plan.

Dr. Noah reviewed the components of the Plan. They included an Executive Summary, Introduction and Overview, Summary of current and potential missions, Cross Cutting Plans, Impact Area Plans, Analyses and Issues, and Courses of Action. Dr. Noah reviewed the five areas of strategic focus of the current and potential missions. They were National Security, Non-Proliferation, Environmental Quality, Science and Technology and Corporate Management. Dr. Noah stated that the Cross Cutting Plans will link the focus areas in relation to Facilities, Infrastructure and Land Use/Future Use Plans. The Impact Area Plans would consider the

Natural and Cultural Resources. The Analyses component will consider Overlapping Plan Elements and Current and Future needs.

Dr. Noah reviewed the sample outline of a Comprehensive Plan sub-plan. The outline includes the Purpose, Goals and Objectives, Assumptions, Existing Conditions, Documentation, and Analyses of Constraints.

Dr. Noah stated that there were different options that could be used to involve the public. One was involvement in development of the drafts and the other was review assistance.

General questions were asked in an attempt to understand the intent and purpose of the Plan, the hierarchy of the various plans, and who the users would be. Answers by Mr. Borup and Dr. Noah brought out the following. The Comprehensive Plan integrates the various cross cutting areas of the Strategic Plan. It is a living document that would be updated as needed. It is a process that integrates low level planning efforts and links them to the Strategic Plan. If a potential future mission can be placed at SRS, the comprehensive planning process would be used to determine if infrastructure and support facilities were available to support the new mission in light of existing missions, or what actions, if any, would be required to support the new mission.

The attendees stated that since it appeared that DOE-SR and WSRC were still trying to determine the approach they would use on the Comprehensive Plan once the approach is determined, DOE-SR and WSRC should review that approach with the subcommittee. It was also decided that the subcommittee should get periodic updates on the progress of the plan and that they should review the drafts of the plan.

It was requested that a presentation of the old pyramid of the planning hierarchy be compared with the new version so they could see the difference.

P. K. Smith introduced Beth LeMaster who presented the proposed revised Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Plan. Ms. LeMaster discussed the federal Endangered Species Act. This act requires proactive measures toward recovery of the endangered species, not simply protection. Ms. LeMaster stated the reason for the proposed revision in the plan is that there is better information after 10 years of research, there is a great working relationship with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service--RCW Recovery Team Leader, the new plan is ecologically sound, the current plan has very little flexibility for changing site missions, and there is a greater return on the dollar spent. Ms. LeMaster reviewed the old map showing the old RCW Habitat Management Area versus the new proposed RCW Habitat Management Area. Ms. LeMaster stated that the new proposed plan is a win-win situation. It gives the RCW a better habitat, an established corridor and realistic goals. It gives DOE increased flexibility for ongoing and future missions. It is an ecological approach to management. Questions were asked concerning the plan and were answered positively by Ms. LeMaster. There were no negative responses to the new proposed RCW plan.

Ms. LeMaster was asked about the Site's management of other endangered species such as the gray wolf, the woodstork and others. Ms. LeMaster stated that SRS is following recovery plans and regulations determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

P. K. Smith reviewed the meetings currently scheduled by the Risk Management Working Group. She gave meeting dates for the teams. P. K. Smith also included the meetings of the Subcommittee and the CAB. The meetings are as follows:

- 7/20 Team C of the Risk Management Working Group
- 7/27 Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee
- 7/28 CAB Meeting
- 8/4 Risk Management Working Group Meeting
- 8/19 Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

Ms. Smith asked if there were any public comments. There were no comments.

Gail Jernigan, WSRC, stated that the Surplus Plutonium draft EIS is out for comment and copies are available upon request.

Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.

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