



SRS Citizens Advisory Board

Salt Processing Focus Group

Meeting Summary

November 4, 1999
Aiken Federal Building
Aiken, SC

The Salt Processing Focus Group met on Thursday, November 4, 1999, at 7:00 P.M. at the Aiken Federal Building, Aiken, SC. Attendance was as follows:

Ethan Brown (via conference call)	Lee Poe
Mike French	Julie Petersen
Ernie Chaput	Kelly Way
Steve Piccolo	Karen Patterson
John Reynolds	Marshall Miller
Ken Rueter	

Lee Poe opened the meeting by requesting introductions and reviewing the agenda. The Focus Group discussed the following areas of study/consideration:

Tank Space Management

Marshall Miller, WSRC, briefed the group on HLW tank space management plans from 1999 to 2009. The strategy included the following:

- Evaporate backlog supernate in FY00 and FY01
- Recover and reuse Tank 49 in FY01
- Return Tank 50 to HLW service in FY04
- Eliminate DWPF recycle to the Tank Farm in FY04
- Implement small volume gains starting in FY00
- Reduce redundant reserve tank space in FY07 (if needed)

These strategies would provide sufficient space in the HLW tanks through 2009 and would cost about \$60M. The HLW Tank Space Management Team Final Report (WSRC-RP-99-00005 Revision 0; August 26, 1999) was made available to the group.

The Focus Group (FG) is concerned over a possible delay in the startup of the Salt Processing Project beyond the planned FY09 start date and asked WSRC for a briefing on the ramifications on HLW tank space should the schedule extend past 2009. The risk associated with delay and implementation ties in with tank management and alternative technology selection for salt processing. The FG would like to evaluate the consequences that delaying the salt processing selection may have on HLW storage risks. Does the time used to improve technology create risks in other portions of the HLW system, then are the added risks manageable?

The possibility of building new HLW tanks, obtaining necessary permits, and writing an EIS was also discussed.

Public Information Workshops

Ernie Chaput presented a strawman Public Awareness Program outlining presentation times, costs, and possible meeting locations. The maximum costs for three forums would be @\$15,000, which includes advertising and meeting rental costs.

The Focus Group plans to hold public workshops in January 2000 in the Aiken/Augusta area, Savannah/Hilton Head area, and Columbia to present the four technologies to the public (with technical input on each alternative from WSRC and possibly the National Academy of Sciences (NAS)). This plan was discussed and deemed reasonable by the FG. The group agreed to develop and present a Public Information Workshop proposal to the CAB asking for funding.

WSRC Technology Report

John Reynolds spoke briefly on the WSRC technology response. The report had been provided to DOE-SR and is currently being reviewed. Basically WSRC recommends, from a strictly SRS perspective, small tank precipitation as the most suitable alternative; and WSRC also recognized that from a complex wide perspective, ion exchange could show significant promise. As soon as the report has been cleared for the public, it will be provided to the Focus Group.

Actions

1. Steve Piccolo committed to providing the Focus Group at the next meeting with the impact of schedule restraint issues and the risks of a delay.
2. Kelly Way to pull together possible dates and conflicts for next meeting and mail hand outs to members unable to attend.
3. Lee Poe will write a letter to ensure space on the NAS meeting agenda for November 21-22
4. Ethan Brown will hold a conference call with Lee Poe, Ernie Chaput and Kelly Way, 8:30A.M., Wednesday, November 10.
5. December 2, 1999 was tentatively chosen as the next meeting date with a draft agenda following:
 - o Discuss NAS November 21-22, 1999 meeting and their conclusions
 - o Discuss risks/strategies if schedule is delayed beyond 2009
 - o Discuss any gain if we delay the decision
 - o Discuss the risks of the existing tanks and the older tanks
 - o Discuss how to present information to the public

Lee Poe and Ethan Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:45.