



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Strategic & Long Term Issues Committee**

#### **Meeting Summary**

January 7, 2002  
North Augusta Community Center  
North Augusta, SC

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The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Strategic and Long Term Issues (S&LTI) Committee met on Monday, January 7, 6:00 p.m. at the North Augusta Community Center, North Augusta, SC. Topics of discussion were the 2002 budget, Facility Disposition Department (FDD) review and public comment. Those in attendance were:

#### **CAB Members**

Mel Galin\*  
Bill Voegelé\*  
David Adcock\*  
Jerry Devitt  
Bill Willoughby  
Wade Waters  
Perry Holcomb  
Nancy Ann Ciehanski  
Murray Riley

#### **Stakeholders**

Karl Overcash  
Floyd O'Neal  
Tim Vincent

#### **DOE/Contractors**

Jim Buice, DOE  
Steve Baker, DOE  
Angelia Adams, DOE  
George Mishra, DOE  
Howard Walls, WSRC  
Larry Davis, WSRC  
Teresa Haas, WSRC  
Dave Freeman, WSRC  
Clay Jones, WSRC  
Lyddie Broussard, WSRC  
Jim Moore, WSRC

\* CAB members of the S&LTI Committee

Note: Carolyn Williams and J. G. Long, CAB members of the S&LTI Committee, were unable to attend.

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

Mel Galin, S&LTI Committee Chair welcomed those in attendance and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Galin reviewed the evening's agenda.

#### **2002 Budget Review**

Steve Baker, DOE, reviewed the fiscal year (FY) 2002 budget. The total FY 2002 budget authority for the site is \$1.6 billion. This is \$76 million less than the FY 2001 budget. For the Environmental Management (EM) portion of the budget, the FY 2002 budget is \$1.1 billion versus the FY 2001 budget at \$1.2 billion. The difference is \$76 million. When carryover funding from FY 2001 is included, the difference in FY 2002 and FY 2001 funding is \$36 million. The EM funding is approximately 73 percent of the sites funding.

It was mentioned during the discussion that \$5 million in pension refund was used to help defray the budget deficit in FY 2002. Perry Holcomb expressed dissatisfaction that this funding would be used for the site budget deficit. Mr. Holcomb stated that this asset was not the Savannah River Plants asset, but the pensioner's asset. Mr. Holcomb stated that WSRC has never given an increase in cost of living for the pensioners. DOE negotiated a final settlement with DuPont when the contract between DOE and DuPont was formally closed. Future pension payments due to pensioners were a part of the negotiated settlement. The \$5m represents the balance in the pension fund after settlement.

Mr. Baker stated that 2002 funding for the other programs at the site, Defense Programs, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Safeguards and Security Program and Other Programs was reasonably consistent with FY 2001.

In response to a question, Mr. Buice stated that the site could move up to \$5 million between project accounts. If the funding exceeds \$5 million, reprogramming action to Congress is necessary. Funding over \$5 million cannot be arbitrarily moved. Reprogramming action can only be requested once a year.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Buice reviewed and answered questions in detail related to the FY 2002 budget.

Mr. Holcomb suggested that in the future, a column for carryover should be included in the presentation so the total numbers can be compared by year. Mr. Baker said that they would include carryover in future presentations.

#### Facility Disposition Department (FDD) Review

Dave Freeman, WSRC, introduced Angelia Adams, DOE, and the FDD Vice President, Larry Davis. Mr. Freeman stated that FDD picks up facilities after the operations are complete. FDD places the facilities in the safest condition in the most cost-effective way. Not many facilities are decommissioned. Approximately 80 of the 150 facilities in FDD are contaminated.

The facilities are monitored for hazards and those hazards removed or placed in a safe condition. If facilities themselves are hazardous, they are removed if possible. Mr. Freeman showed pictures of facilities that had been removed. Surveillance and maintenance costs of FDD facilities in 1996 were around \$30 million and have been reduced to around \$10 million.

Assets for services is a program that has been approved as a site mission. Over \$11 million in decommissioning services has been obtained for a cash outlay of \$1 million. Vendors remove equipment or facilities for their own utilization. The footprint of the surplus facilities has been reduced by over 46,000 square feet.

Technology deployments are utilized to assist FDD in developing technologies to clean up or dispose of contaminated areas. Equipment from other sites is considered for use such as the Remote Operations and Size Reduction System from Rocky Flats.

During discussions, there was a question as to how long the public would stand for a cheap-to-keep program. Mr. Buice stated that DOE is looking for technology to take sites to a green field but it's possible the regulators may not require a green field. Mr. Galin pointed out that pressure to move to a green field would have to come from the public sector.

#### Other Comments

**Mel Galin introduced Howard Walls, Vice President of the Public Affairs Division. Mr. Walls thanked those present for their time and efforts.**

**Mr. Galin stated that the S&LTI Committee Workplan and a draft recommendation on the budget would be reviewed at the next S&LTI Committee meeting on January 14.**

**Public Comment**

**With no other public comments, the meeting was adjourned.**

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