

## **Agenda for DNFSB's Public Hearing on the Status of the Savannah River Site (SRS)**

Location: Aiken, South Carolina

March 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm

**Goal:** Gather information and discuss Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) actions that could impact the safety posture of particular operations at SRS.

### **SESSION 1: DOE's past actions and future plans for addressing Recommendation 2012-1, Savannah River Site Building 235-F Safety**

***3:00 pm – 4:40 pm***

#### Objective:

Gather information related to: the proposed changes to DOE's Implementation Plan and deactivation strategy; the actions and steps for deactivation of the building; and the plans for decommissioning, including the end state of the building.

#### Schedule:

3:00 pm	Chairman's Opening Remarks	Chairman Hamilton
3:15 pm	Board Member Remarks	Board Members
3:30 pm	Seat Panel	
3:30 pm	Introduce Panel	Chairman Hamilton
3:35 pm	Panel Discussion	
4:40 pm	Break	

#### Proposed Session 1 Panelists:

- The Senior Advisor for Environmental Management to the Under Secretary for Science
- The Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations
- The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security, and Quality Assurance
- DOE-Savannah River (SR) Assistant Manager for Nuclear Materials Stabilization
- The DOE-SR Chief Engineer

### **SESSION 2: Federal oversight and technical staffing needs**

***4:50 pm – 6:00 pm***

#### Objective:

Particular attention will be paid to the adequacy of current EM and NNSA staffing to conduct oversight missions. This will include discussions of shortages in both facility representative

positions for existing facilities and engineering positions with regard to personnel who review safety bases and perform safety system oversight, and the subsequent approach of delegating inherently federal functions to the contractor as a substitute for federal oversight. This will also include discussions of future technical staffing needs as new site missions such as Savannah River Plutonium Production Facility operations and Surplus Plutonium blend-down ramp up.

Schedule:

4:50 pm	Seat Panel	
4:50 pm	Introduce Panel	Chairman Hamilton
4:55 pm	Panel Discussion	
6:00 pm	Break	

Proposed Session 2 Panelists:

Site representation from both NNSA's SRFO and EM's DOE-SR (e.g., Site Managers, their Deputies, or delegates)

**DINNER BREAK: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**SESSION 3: Safety posture of the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) facilities**  
***7:00 pm – 7:55 pm***

Objective:

Discuss the SRTE safety basis, completed improvements, and ongoing and planned actions to address the high radiological dose consequences to the workers for accident scenarios. In particular, the Board will focus on the ongoing actions at the SRTE that DOE cited as a basis to not accept Board Recommendation 2019-2.

Schedule:

7:00 pm	Seat Panel	
7:00 pm	Introduce Panel	Chairman Hamilton
7:05 pm	Panel Discussion	
7:55 pm	Break	

Proposed Session 3 Panelists:

- NNSA's Associate Administrator for Safety, Infrastructure, and Operation
- The NNSA Savannah River Field Office (SRFO)

- The SRFO Assistant Manager for Mission Assurance
- SRFO Safety Basis Engineers
- The DOE-SR Manager of the Office of Safeguards, Security, and Emergency Services

**SESSION 4: Public Comments and Wrap-up**

***8:00 pm – 9:30 pm***

Schedule:

8:00 pm	Public Comment Period
9:00 pm	Board Member Closing Remarks      Board Members
9:20 pm	Chairman's Closing Remarks Chairman Hamilton
9:30 pm	Adjourn