

HSS Independent Activity Report - Rev. 0**Report Number:** HIAR-SRS-2011-06-16**Site:** Savannah River Site**Subject:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Public Meeting, Augusta, GA**Dates of Activity :** 06/16/2011**Report Preparer:** Phillip D. Aiken**Activity Description/Purpose:**

The Board wanted to further investigate safety matters and gather other information related to the public health and safety of the workers at the Savannah River Site (SRS), particularly with respect to: liquid waste processing, emergency preparedness, and nuclear materials disposition. General format for each area was (1) Board Position; (2) Department of Energy (DOE)-Savannah River Position; (3) Seating of Expert Panel for each area; (4) Questions by Board followed by responses from members of the panel; and (5) Statements by the Public.

Result:

The Office of Enforcement and Oversight Site Lead for SRS observed all three sessions of the public meeting. The SRS Site Lead returned to Germantown and prepared a briefing on the discussions and presented that briefing to the Office of Health, Safety and Security management and subject matter experts the following Tuesday.

Public comment themes (paraphrased) included:

- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions/Savannah River Remediation are doing good work and are appreciated in the community;
- DOE should reduce the liquid wastes in tank farms as quickly as possible;
- H Canyon/HB Line are one-of-a-kind national assets that should not be thrown away;
- The community is concerned about orphaned materials...ones without a disposition path out-of-state; and
- It is a mistake for DOE to reduce/diminish H Canyon/HB Line capabilities and operations without first working off spent nuclear fuel, working other disposition orphans, and completing plutonium disposition activities.

HSS Participants**References**

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Were there any items for HSS follow up? Yes No**HSS Follow Up Items**