

FALL 2024
OAK RIDGE, TN



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Idaho Cleanup Project Citizens Advisory Board

(ICP CAB)

ICP CAB Hot Topics:

- Protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer
- Overseeing the safe operations of the steam-reforming technology at the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU) to continue processing 900,000 gallons of liquid sodium-bearing high-level waste
- Member recruitment remains one of our top priorities

CAB Accomplishments:

- Held cultural tour of the Idaho National Laboratory site in cooperation with cultural specialists from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe in June
- 96% first term member retention rate over the last 10 years
- The ICP CAB, formed in 1994, turned 30 in May

ICP CAB Goals:

- Urge timely decision-making and funding to support activities related to SNF repackaging and calcine retrieval and packaging to meet 2035 ISA milestones
- Encourage the development of a complex-wide plan and process to move forward and establish certainty on identifying, funding, and opening a long-term high-level waste repository
- Continue to meet goals for TRU certification and shipments to WIPP
- Membership recruitment to fill upcoming vacancies on the CAB



Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB)

Board Accomplishments:

- In addition to attendance at Full Board meetings, exceptional Board interest in Program actions and participation in volunteer activities (national conferences, workshops, educational sessions, Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program observations, Low-Level Waste Stakeholders Forum, etc.)
- Excellent Board retention and recruiting success

Board Concerns:

- Continued community participation and input after the NSSAB is no longer active
- Historic preservation of unique cultural sites at NNSS while executing the cleanup mission



NSSAB members observed the Radioactive Waste Acceptance Program performing the real-time radiography of waste packages at the NNSS – May 2024

Activities/Accomplishments

- Issued 2 pieces of Advice – FY26 Cleanup Priorities and TRU waste management
- During the Sept 2024 meeting, Board will be considering 3 additional pieces of advice - Traffic Safety, Alternate HAB Members & Responding to Public Feedback Periods
- There are 10 Issue Manager teams currently in operation
- In Aug, HAB members toured the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MASF) & HAMMER facility, and will tour the whole site in Oct during orientation
- Received approval of membership packages in July 2024 which should enable an orderly transition of Board members on October 1, 2024
- Holistic negotiations between DOE, EPA, and the Washington State Department of Ecology were completed, which should lead to the Board discussing topics of concern again

Challenges/Concerns

- Continue to be concerned about the transportation of TRU waste
- Concerned about aligning the proposed revision to the OGR with HAB expectations
- Challenged by lack of active participation of members in committees and work groups, and in assuming leadership positions



Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB)

Activities/Accomplishments

- Maintained quorum and held all full Board, Executive, and standing subcommittee meetings in virtual or hybrid format, increasing the number of public participants for each meeting
- New Member Tour of Los Alamos EM Sites in June
- Orientation/Workshop for Members in July, including EM-SSAB Overview by Kelly Snyder
- New Field Office Manager – Jessica Kunkle, a Los Alamos Native
- Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair were held at the September 18th Board Meeting





Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

(SRS CAB)

SRS CAB Hot Topics:

- Landlord transition: **EM → NNSA**
 - Great information sharing from on site and from DOE-HQ!

CAB Accomplishments:

- Recommendation: Annual Compensation for Community Storage Hosting
- Recommendation: PILT Program
- Recommendation: Appointment of NNSA Official

- Continue the **transparent dissemination of data** from Environmental Monitoring efforts
- Continue to look for **effective ways to communicate cleanup success and safety** to the community at large
- **Maintain accelerated funding schedule** to continue the site's drive toward completion
- Continue to be aggressive in looking for baseline changes that can **accelerate potential land transfer** for reindustrialization





Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (PAD CAB)

- Continue to support the community's desire for future use at the site by **expediting the first parcel of land transfer** where possible
- Support the long-term mission of the site by assisting in **the attraction and retention of superlative talent**, providing modernized facilities, and constructing modern office spaces to replace the aging administration building at the site
- **Fully fund disposition of R-114** for "complete disposition" within 2 years
- **Increase funding for the Murray State University Grant** for community visioning, educational outreach and varied research that will assist environmental cleanup and land transfer decisions





Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

(OR SSAB)

Activities/Accomplishments

- The board issued a recommendation regarding OREM budget priorities for FY 2026
- Members attended multiple national conferences, including the RadWaste Summit and the Waste Management Symposium
- Members participated in a recent community event celebrating OREM accomplishments at the East Tennessee Technology Park

Board Interests

- Excess contaminated facilities risk reduction activities at Y-12 and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
- Infrastructure development in support of cleanup activities at Y-12 and ORNL
- Disposition and processing of legacy transuranic debris and sludges