

SOUTH CAROLINA NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL

NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2002

1:30 PM, Room 209 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina

Members present: Mr. Steve Byrne, Dr. Carolyn Hudson, Dr. John Stucker, Chairman, Mr. Ben Rusche, Ms. Kate Billing, Representative Charles Sharpe and Dr. Vincent Van Brunt.
Staff: Patricia Tangney and D'Juana Wilson

The fourth meeting of the SC Nuclear Advisory Council was held on Thursday, April 25, 2002, Room 209 Gressette Building, Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. John Stucker, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Stucker asked for a motion for approval of the agenda, with the noted corrections: Approval of minutes of the January 17, 2002 meeting; and the addition of Section V on the agenda for Other Business. Representative Sharpe made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted changes. The motion was seconded by Mr Ben Rusche, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Stucker then asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2002, meeting. Mr. Rusche made a motion to approve the minutes of this meeting, with a second from Dr. Hudson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Stucker then stated that the main item of business for the was a review by the NAC of the draft report on the Barnwell Extended Care Fund. He said that the consultants, Bradburne, Briller and Johnson, LLC would address the council on questions relating to this report. Mr. Bill Newberry of the Budget and Control Board was then introduced by Dr. Stucker, and he an opening statement regarding the history of the fund and a brief overview of the study. He indicated that the staff of the Budget and Control Board wanted to conduct a follow-up study on the risk management issues in more detail. He said that the results of the risk management study could be incorporated with the results of the BB&J study to give a more comprehensive picture of the amount of funds needed.

Mr. Tim Bradburne, of Bradburne, Briller, and Johnson, LLC (BB&J), addressed the Council. Before he began his presentation, he thanked the Nuclear Advisory Council for allowing them to come and present this study, and he thanked the staff of the Budget & Control Board and Chem-Nuclear for their assistance. He then presented a power point presentation entitled, " Evaluation of Barnwell Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Extended Care Fund". The topics presented were as follows:

- Evaluation Objectives
- Extended Care Fund Description
- Reviewed Scenarios
- Reviewed Scenarios Summary
- NAC Comment Categories
- Insurance
- Contingency
- Remediation
- Miscellaneous Funding
- Miscellaneous Technical, and
- Other Miscellaneous

The consultant team, consisting of Mr. Tim Bradburne, Mr. Joel Bradburne and Mr. Harry Miley addressed detailed questions from the Council.

Mr. Max Batavia, P.E., Executive Director of the Atlantic Compact Commission was asked to speak to the Council regarding the Compact's position on the General Assembly using funds from the Extended Care Fund. He told the Council that the Chairman of the Compact, Mr. Benjamin A. Johnson, had written a letter to the Governor and General Assembly and he would provide a copy of this letter to the Council.

Representative Charles Sharpe encouraged the Budget and Control Board and the two bodies of Legislature to come up with a plan to replenish the Extended Care Fund at a level where the care of the site would not be jeopardized.

The following motion was made by Mr. Ben Rusche and seconded by Representative Sharpe: A motion from the Nuclear Advisory Council to express its appreciation to the Governor's Office, the Budget and Control Board and the consulting team for addressing the issue of the Extended Care Fund in a comprehensive and thorough manner. The result will be a framework which will

enable the State to provide for more effective and prudent management of the Perpetual Care Fund for the benefit of our citizens. The Council requests that the consultant incorporate into the final report the Council's comments, which include: (1) the preliminary written comments submitted by Council members; (2) comments addressed to the consultant at the Council's April 25, 2002, meeting, and (3) the draft minutes of the April 25 meeting which will be provided to the consultant. The motion was unanimously approved.

After additional discussion, the following motion was then made by Representative Sharpe and seconded by Mr. Ben Rusche: The Council will address a letter to the Governor and the leadership of the General Assembly expressing the Council's profound concern with the proposals to use monies in the Perpetual Care Fund to cover current budget needs and setting forth the negative implications of such actions. The letter will also propose establishing the Fund on a trust fund basis and insuring prompt pay-back of any funds that are diverted for current use. The Council directs the Chairman to draft said letter for review and approval by members of the Council. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Stucker announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Thursday, July 18, 2002. The agenda will include issues pertaining to development at the Savannah River Site. The Council also address additional concerns related to the transportation of additional plutonium to the Savannah River Site. Due to the context of the proposed agenda, the meeting may be held at the Savannah River Site.

Dr. Stucker then asked if there were any comments from the audience. Ms. Glenn Carroll, a representative of Georgians Against Nuclear Energy (GANE), was recognized. She wanted the Council to know that GANE would be intervening to oppose the licensing of MOX facilities. She circulated a newsletter to the Council entitled, "GaneSayer 2002", along with an article from the Federal Register.

Mr. Rusche noted that the Council appreciated the presence of officials from DHEC.

A motion was made by Representative Sharpe to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kathryn Billing and unanimously approved.

