

SAVANNAH RIVER AT RISK

Public Forum

Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Savannah Rapids Pavilion, Augusta, Georgia

This public forum brings together scientists, environmentalists, engineers, regulatory agencies, economic developers, and other stakeholders from the 44 counties in the Savannah River watershed (Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina). The purpose is to foster discussions on river issues – sharing water supplies and wasteload allocation, addressing TMDL issues associated with low dissolved oxygen in the Savannah Harbor, preserving the ecology of the river basin, maintaining commercial and recreation usage – and to broaden awareness of the impact the river has on the region's economy.

Agenda

8:30 Welcome

Gene Eidson, Moderator

Ron Cross, Chairman, Columbia County, Georgia, Commission

John Kelly, Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture, Clemson University

9:00 Keynote Address

Braye Boardman, Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy Board, *Introduction*

Governor Sonny Perdue, *Georgia Water Resources*

9:40 Forum Overview

Gene Eidson, President/CEO, Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy,

Ongoing programs to address Savannah River Basin resources issues

10:00-11:30 Policy Issues

Carol Couch, Director, Georgia EPD, *Georgia Water Policy Update*

David Wilson, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Water, South Carolina DHEC,

South Carolina Water Policy Update

William L. Cox, Director, EPA Region 4 Watershed Management Office,

Sustainable Infrastructure for Water and Wastewater: Integrating Watershed Approaches

11:30-12:00 Question and Answer, Panel Discussion

12:00-12:45 Lunch

Dr. Jim Kundell, University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government

12:45-4:15 Regulatory, Technical, and Ecological Issues Facing Savannah River Basin

Jeff Larson, Assistant Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Georgia EPD

Status of the Coastal Georgia Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan for Managing Saltwater Intrusion; Status of the Savannah Harbor DO Standard and TMDL

Rheta Geddings, Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Water, South Carolina DHEC and Mihir Mehta, Manager, Watersheds and Planning, Bureau of Water, South Carolina DHEC

Status of Savannah River Basin in South Carolina

Craig Hesterlee, U.S. EPA Region 4 Watershed Management Division,

Central Savannah River Area Municipal Stormwater Management: Collaboration's Merits at the Watershed Restoration Scale

Break

Hope Mizell, State Climatologist, South Carolina DNR

Climate Variability and Change in the Savannah River Basin

Oscar Flite, Research Manager, Southeastern Natural Sciences Academy

Savannah River at Risk, a program to continuously monitor 150 river miles of Savannah River

Stan Simpson and Jason Ward, Savannah Corps of Engineers

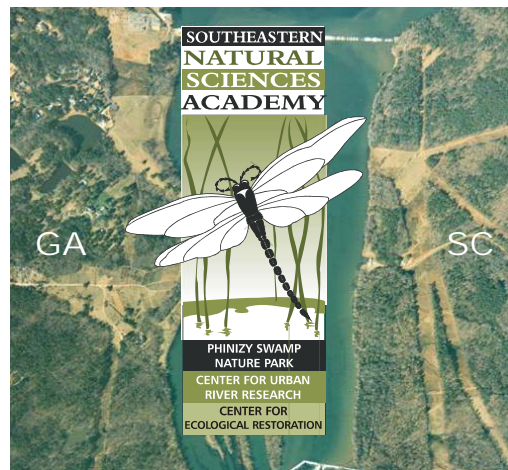
Corps Reservoir Management on the Savannah River

Jim Greenfield, Water Management Division U.S. EPA

Savannah River Harbor TMDL Model for Dissolved Oxygen

4:15-4:45 Question and Answer, Panel Discussion

Adjourn



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