

Interim SEG AKA Operating Guidelines Committee  
Meeting Summary  
November 1, 2005

Attendees: Bill Bailey, Will Berson, Judy Jennings, Larry Keegan, Hope Moorner, Morgan Rees (via phone), Tom Wright

The committee met at Lockwood-Green at 1:18 PM, Tuesday, September 13, 2005. Judy Jennings and Hope Moorner managed the discussions, as Teri Beard was unable to attend.

The Aquifer Report has been completed and Larry Keegan has posted it on the website. Internal review is complete and USACE is offering the Aquifer Committee an opportunity to nominate an external reviewer to replace an earlier nominee who declined the work. The OGC recommends that the Corps of Engineers present the report at the SEG.

Economic Working Group reports for vessel and fleet forecasts are complete and posted. The commodities forecast is undergoing internal review and an interim version of the multi-port analysis has been submitted. Judy Jennings will present the status of the reports at the SEG and determine if a working group meeting or a SEG presentation would be the most effective next step.

The OGC discussed the Jasper County court case and the uncertainties surrounding development of the north bank of the Savannah River. These uncertainties have been addressed in the Formulation of Alternatives and will also be addressed in the NEPA, based on status when that report is completed.

Model review is ongoing and Federal Agencies have asked Chuck Watson to clarify his recommendations for continued model analysis and assessment. A status report should be provided at the SEG.

The OGC discussed schedule and appropriateness of reviewing the Tier I Mitigation Plan in preparation for considering the consensus mitigation plan. There was concern that consideration of mitigation should not proceed until program impacts have been identified. The process of developing a consensus for the plan was also discussed. Tom Wright is preparing the draft structure of a report to document the SEG's role and consensus in the GRR/EIS. Several members felt that this report should be discussed at the SEG.

Larry Keegan will forward specific recommendations for the SEG agenda to Ben Dysart and meeting attendees based on OGC discussions.

The committee confirmed December 6, 2005, as the next SEG date and will schedule the next interim SEG meeting and the next SEG meeting at that time.

The committee adjourned about 3:45 PM.