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Subject RE: Oriskany SAB Peer Review

Beth

Attached are responses to your public participation questions on SAB business. I hope this helps. I've provided brief responses in blue along with a link to SAB's web site and a SAB doc (pdf file) that provide more details in response to your specific questions. I hope this helps. If you need further clarification, please call me.

Craig  
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Craig - I have been asked by Glen as a result of a meeting this morning to ask you for the following information:

How does EPA select SAB members?

EPA places a solicitation notice for panel members in the FR when it forms a new panel. If you go to the SAB web site at [www.epa.gov/sab](http://www.epa.gov/sab) there's an explanation of the selection process under the heading new panel formation. One thing that EPA-SAB office strives for is balance on the panels. In order to get the consultation process off quickly, the SAB group for the consultation will be formed from members of standing committees. There are biosketches of current members posted on SAB's web site.

How does the SAB incorporate public comment into their process - I told him I would ask you as I believe it is different from your Approval public comment process and I am not familiar enough to speak specifically to the process.

I can try to explain it but the attached document will do it better. This is the public participation process that the SAB follows under the FACA statute. The short version is that when a FR notice is posted announcing a time and place for a SAB meeting, they provide opportunity for interested members of the public to address the panel. They only allow a certain amount of time for the public to address the panel so the more people that show, the less time they have to speak. Neither EPA nor the Navy will be expected to or have any obligation to respond to public comments at SAB meetings.



SAB PubInvolvement.pdf

Will the informal consultation be subject to the public access or only the formal charter SAB?

Both the consultation meeting and the formal panel meeting would be subject to SAB's public participation process and documents presented to SAB for review/comment will be made available to the public when they are made

available to SAB committee or panel members.

I am sure you will have to coordinate to get these responses but it will greatly facilitate the decision making process and our response to your questions.

V/R,  
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Craig - I will have a discussion with Bill this morning and then respond to your other questions regarding advance copies of items. Attached to this e-mail is a document which incorporates all Navy Technical comments to the SAB Charge Document. This means I have not shown it to any of my management stating that I would not do so until the Technical Review was complete.

When you have a final charge document I will provide it to my management as an official document and that will formalize the process to them.

V/R,  
Beth [attachment "OriskanyPeerRev.doc" deleted by Craig  
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