

APPENDIX C

REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES

Throughout the last ten years SRS has maintained a close relationship with planning groups, local governments, Council of Governments (COGs) and economic development organizations. Site planners have been active in sharing plans and planning techniques, providing tours and information – and local planners have reciprocated. This close interaction has produced strong cooperation, which has resulted in site and regional planners being current on each other's plans. This has eliminated the need for extensive education whenever new plans are created.

The following is a list of planning organizations contacted for the *SRS End State Vision*:

South Carolina

- Aiken County Planning Department
- Aiken-Edgefield Economic Development Partnership
- City of Aiken Planning Department
- Lower Savannah Council of Governments (Responsible for planning for six counties in South Carolina – all within 70 miles of SRS - Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg Counties)
- North Augusta Department of Economic Development
- The Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance (Allendale, Barnwell Bamberg and Hampton Counties)

Georgia

- Augusta-Metro Chamber of Commerce (Includes Columbia and Burke Counties)
- Augusta-Richmond County Planning Department
- Central Savannah River Area Regional Development Center (supports 14 Georgia counties in the region – including those in the SRS vicinity – Augusta-Richmond, Burke and Columbia)
- Columbia County Planning Department

Based on discussions and review of draft and final growth management, transportation and economic development plans in the region, it is reasonable to conclude that there are no major changes that would affect site missions in the next 20 years. While normal growth is expected in metropolitan counties in the region or populated regions of counties around SRS, the predominate land uses in the areas adjacent to SRS are expected to remain the same. The current major land uses on the border with SRS include:

- ♦ Agriculture – While some livestock, horse farming and vegetable farming takes place, most of the land is used to produce forest products (for pulp and paper, telephone poles, pine straw).
- ♦ Light industry - There is currently one 1,500 acre industrial park adjacent to SRS. Bordering this industrial center is the Chem-Nuclear Systems Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility, owned by Duratek. Also in close proximity is Plant Vogtle, a nuclear power facility, directly across the Savannah River from SRS. The Three Rivers Landfill is operating onsite under the authority of a fifty-year lease administered by the Lower Savannah Council of Governments.
- ♦ Light residential – Most of housing on this land is associated with agriculture; however, some houses and manufactured homes border the site.
- ♦ Recreation – Because over 90% of SRS is not used for industrial purposes wildlife is plentiful. Because of this, extensive outdoor sports activities take place next to SRS. These activities include hunting, fishing, hiking and bird watching.

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