

## Florida SART Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Alachua Regional Service Center, 14101 Hwy 441, Alachua, Florida

### Attendance

Edward Aschliman, USDA/FSA  
Stephen Barineau, FDACS  
Laura Bevan, HSUS  
Chris Brooks, FDACS/Aquaculture  
Mark Carlton, USDA/FSA  
Steve Cook, Novartis  
Dale Dubberly, FDACS/AES  
Kim Duffiney, USDA/APHIS/AC  
Mark Cunningham, FWCC  
Joan Dusky, UF/IFAS  
Consie von Gontard, Florida SARC  
Ashby Green, FL Cattlemen's Assn.  
Frankie Hall, Florida Farm Bureau  
Amanda Hodges, UF/IFAS/SPDN  
Joe Kight, FDACS/DAI, ESF-17/ECO

Larry Mack, Florida Feed Association  
Richard Miranda, FDACS/DPI  
Gary Newton, FDACS/DAI  
David Perry, FDACS/DAI, Co-Chair  
Roger Rankin, FDEM/Preparedness  
Sue Rantuccio, FDACS/AgLaw  
Danny Raulerson, FDACS/Mkt-Dev  
Greg Sanders, Novartis  
Rick Sapp, SART Sentinel  
Kendra Stauffer, USDA/APHIS/VS  
Paul Studivant, FACA  
John Terry, FDACS/AgLaw  
Cpt. James Wiggins, FDACS/AgLaw  
Paul Wotherspoon, FDEM/Preparedness  
Jiannong Xin, UF/IFAS

- 1 Joe Kight called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Alachua Regional Service Center, Alachua, Florida. The meeting's purpose was to focus on radiological emergencies and the need for effective animal and plant agricultural response. Site host Dale Dubberly welcomed the group. Each attendee introduced him/herself and referenced their relationship to the SART mission.
- 2 SART Planner Stephen Barineau showed the new Florida SART video (soon to be available on the SART web site at [Flsart.org](http://Flsart.org)). The video explains the SART function as a MAC and how it develops a coordinated network of response entities, because SART, per se, is not a response unit.

Joe Kight mentioned the positioning of MARE units and livestock panels in each region. Of particular note was the development of SARC, the State Agricultural Response Coalition, which is capable of responding with trained volunteers to small animal emergencies. Consie von Gontard reported that more than 1,000 people have now been qualified through the DHS-approved small animal emergency sheltering course, which was written and tested in Florida.
- 3 Roger Rankin previewed an outstanding power point presentation titled "Response to

a Nuclear Plant Incident in Florida.” There followed general discussion of studies concerning decontamination of farm animals. The group voiced unanimous agreement that more studies needed to be done and additional techniques developed for large animals. (More information is available through FloridaDisaster.org.) Rankin mentioned that the term “shelter in place” was gradually being replaced by the term “remain indoors,” which is both specific and descriptive.

- 4 Dale Dubberly presented a power point presentation on FDACS’ “Radiological Emergency Response.” He and Joe Kight noted that the Florida Department of Health was the lead agency for radiological emergencies. He stressed that in the event of any emergency, and especially one that involved radiological contamination (fallout), it was incumbent on producers to document their losses.

A brief discussion followed about raw milk and the legal status of selling it directly to the public. There was general consensus that raw milk, which must be labeled “not for human consumption,” is routinely drunk by consumers who have a wary view of governmental control and mandates such as pasteurization.

- 5 Kendra Stauffer discussed large animal decontamination, noting that few advances in the science had been made since 1960 and that the area was problematic. The only substantial science in “the dairy area” concerned breast feeding of infants. Not only would animals need to be dealt with following a disaster, but their food and water and the resulting radiological contamination – whether washed or brushed or vacuumed away – would need to be dealt with and any news of a radiological emergency could cause panic among the public.

She and Joe Kight showed a webinar from Dr. Thomas Johnson of Colorado State University. “Strategies for Radioactive Decontamination of Livestock” presented state-of-the-art information, but admitted that a great amount of work still needed to be done in this area. Generally, Joe summarized, livestock would have to shelter in place, in a covered area if possible, but given the great numbers of large animals in Florida this was impractical for anyone other than a very small operation and efficiently moving huge numbers of cows and goats and horses was not practical or possible.

- 6 A number of items were briefly discussed prior to Joe Kight bringing the meeting to a conclusion at 1:00 pm.
- The Turkey Point radiological exercise coming in June.
  - The May 20 state Hurricane Exercise and the hands-on animal sheltering component in Osceola County at which SARC will assist.
  - Funding availability for 2014 and the development of an operations/management level small animal sheltering course through Joan Dusky and her staff and students at the University of Florida.