

Meeting The Candidates

Robert Anderson (right in photo above), Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, speaks with Bill Altreuter, one of the organizers of a "Meet the Candidates" forum in Calabash last week. Candidates for sheriff, county commissioners and school board (in photo below) answered questions before a group of about 40 people at the town's volunteer fire department Wednesday night.



## First Batch Of Rods Routed Safely; Next Delayed Pending Court Verdict

BY SUSAN USHER

Two vessels carrying the first of three "urgent relief" shipments of used nuclear fuel rods from European research reactors unloaded their four casks of hazardous cargo last Tuesday at Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal without incident.

Left unanswered is whether remaining shipments will be allowed country early next year for storage at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C.

Unloading of the first 153 fuel rods from Austria, the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden began last Friday, Sept. 30, shortly after their arrival at the site by train. A DOE spokesman said workers there will unload two casks per month under water and will store the fuel under water. The unloaded casks will be decontaminated and shipped by truck to a U.S. port for return to Europe.

Another 236 rods are scheduled for later shipments.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary has decided to delay future shipments until the federal courts have resolved their legal status.

"We would have appreciated it if she had done that in the first place," said Julie Horton, public information director of the South Carolina Attorney General's office. O'Leary delayed unloading of the

Danish-flagged MV Maria and the MV Marsus for two days last week to allow time for the full U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to hear an appeal from South Carolina, which filed suit last month in an astempt to block the shipments, citing environmental and safety concerns. Wednesday, the DOE notified the court that delivery couldn't be delayed any longer because of conflicting uses of the U.S. Army terminal and

safety considerations. On Sept. 29 the Fourth Circuit court denied South Carolina's motion for a stay to bar the shipment and denied its motion for reconsideration by the court. Later that same day the U.S. Supreme Court turned down a motion for an injunction to block the shipment.

South Carolina has asked for an expedited hearing as the original suit is readied for trial in federal district court in Columbia, S.C., before Judge Matthew Perry. "We don't have a date yet," she said, "but we want to get this settled before the next shipment is scheduled to ar-

DOE has said accepting the spent fuel is critical to United States foreign relations. As part of its effort to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, the U.S. more than 20 years ago began helping research reactor operators convert to using a lower-enriched uranium fuel, and agreed to take back the old fuel, which could be reprocessed and used to make nuclear weapons.

The return shipments stopped in the 1970s in the face of environmental challenges that were never settled. As the reactors began running out of on-site storage, the issue reemerged with an urgent edge.

Last month a three-judge federal appeals panel lifted a stay set by Judge Perry and said the Savannah River Site could adequately handle the "urgent relief" shipments, that South Carolina had failed to show environmental risks that outweighed the United State's foreign policy interests in accepting return of these first spent fuel rods. The full court accepted that ruling.

An in-depth environmental study is in progress regarding the future shipment of thousands more rods.



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The Power and Control Wheel (below) refers to the tools, pressures and rationale utilized in justifying coercive and dominant behavior. It provides "snapshots" of coercive techniques: emotional abuse, intimidation, threats, the use of economic pressure and privilege, attempts to isolate and insulate the victims, the manipulation and victimization of children and the prevailing assumptions of sexism (male privilege). This Wheel helps women identify the many faces and moods of violent behavior.



## What Is Battering?

- It is a pattern of behavior that seeks to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation. It often includes the threat or use of violence. Battering happens when batterers believe they are entitled to control their partners. They believe that violence is acceptable and will produce the desired results;
- Not all battering is physical. Battering includes emotional abuse, economic abuse, sexual abuse, threats to and about children, using "male privilege", intimidation, isolation and other behaviors used to induce fear and establish power;
- Battering escalates. It may begin with name-calling or punching through a wall or kicking a pet. Next steps may be pushing, slapping, pinching; then punching, kicking, biting, tripping, throwing or restraining. It often includes sexual assault. It may lead to choking, the breaking of bones and other life threatening incidents.





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