Resolution to the Secretary of Energy
Long-Term Institutional Control of the Savannah River Site

Whereas: The Savannah River Site has a long and successful history in support of national security, civilian nuclear energy, clean up and environmental stewardship missions, and

Whereas: The Savannah River Site was the first site to be designated as a National Environmental Research Park to investigate the effect of nuclear and other industrial activities upon the environment, and

Whereas: The Savannah River Site has many unique characteristics, including a large size and modern infrastructure, which will be important for successful accomplishment of future national security, homeland security and civilian nuclear energy programs, and

Whereas: The Savannah River Site has the best characterized long-term environmental baseline in the Southeastern United States (and possibly in the world), and

Whereas: The Savannah River Site has controlled access which is important to continuing environmental research, and

Whereas: Stakeholders surrounding the Savannah River Site support current industrial and environmental research programs and want to assure that the Savannah River Site maintains its ability to meet important future national nuclear-related needs, and

Whereas: Stakeholders surrounding the Savannah River Site are concerned that completion of cleanup, stabilization and remediation activities may cause consideration of transferring some Savannah River Site land from the Department of Energy to others, and

Whereas: Stakeholders surrounding the Savannah River Site believe that any transfer of lands from the Department of Energy to others will adversely and significantly impact (1) the Site’s ability to effectively and safely support current, planned and potential nuclear-related industrial activities, and (2) the continuity and effectiveness of current and future environmental research activities supporting National Environmental Research Park objectives,

Do Hereby Resolve That:

1. The Department of Energy reaffirms its commitment to the Savannah River Site as a National Environmental Research Park.
2. The Department of Energy reaffirms its previous decisions that the existing boundaries of the Savannah River Site be maintained under the control of the Federal government in perpetuity.

3. The Department of Energy continues to conduct and sponsor activities on the Savannah River Site that support National Environmental Research Park objectives and utilize the Site’s unique physical and intellectual assets.

Signed

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