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Dr. David Moody, Site Manager
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Re: FY 2014 Funding Request for the SRS Liquid Waste Disposition Program

Dear Dr. Moody:

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board has recently learned that the President’s FY14 Budget Request for the SRS Liquid Waste Disposition Program has been reduced from the Site Request by more than $100 Million. This action is inconsistent with the input provided by the SRS Citizens Advisory Board. Each year, for the past five years, the SRS CAB has consistently recommended that the SRS Liquid Waste Program be given top priority. We have repeatedly recommended this program be given top priority with adequate funding and management attention.

The 37 million gallons of Liquid Waste at the Site represents a significant threat to the citizens of South Carolina and Georgia. A significant effort has been put forth to establish a disciplined and effective plan to deal with this in a timely manner. Numerous regulatory commitments (known as Federal Facilities Agreements) have been established and are in the process of being implemented. However, if adequate funding is not provided the entire plan and schedule will be interrupted, subject to costly delays, inefficiencies, and loss of expertise.

The SRS Citizens Advisory Board recommends in the strongest possible terms that action be taken to restore the funding that will keep this program on schedule. This request is a matter of top priority to the citizens of this area and we strenuously encourage positive action at the earliest possible time.

Please share these CAB concerns with the proper DOE-EM office at DOE-HQ.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald Bridges, Chairperson
SRS Citizens Advisory Board

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