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Mr. Harold Simon, Chair Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board P.O. Box A Aiken, South Carolina 29802

Dear Mr. Simon:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 339 – Liquid Waste Revision 20 (Your letter, dated 09/27/2016)

Thank you for your recommendation on Revision 20 to the Liquid Waste System Plan. The Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office accepts your recommendation and provides the following response to the recommendation:

1. The CAB recommends that the Department of Energy focus on Case Scenario 3, which provides an accelerated clean-up schedule for the material, and work within the prescribed methods to secure additional funding to accelerate the program.

Savannah River Site (SRS) has been and continues to be committed to fulfillment of its Liquid Waste (LW) Disposition Program as quickly and as safely as possible. Case scenario 3 is highly dependent upon SRS securing additional funding. Given that Congress has yet to enact an FY17 budget, SRS is operating under a continuing resolution. At this time it appears the additional funding required to implement case scenario 3 may be very difficult to obtain. However, SRS will make every effort to implement the operating strategy defined in case scenario 3.

As always, DOE welcomes input from the public as we continue to work on cleanup and waste disposition activities at the Savannah River Site.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Jean Ridley, of my staff at (803) 208-6075.

Sincerely, Jack R. Craig Savannah River Site Manager

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Mr. Simon

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