



## **Recommendation No. 35**

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### **SRS Waste Site Cleanup Actions**

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The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (SRS-CAB) recognizes that there are a large number of projects on the cleanup schedule for SRS and that significant progress has been made on 150 of the 467 sites (either closed, under remediation or requiring no further action). At the same time the SRS-CAB is concerned about the slow progress of actually evaluating and cleaning up (if necessary) the remaining waste sites. For low hazard/low risk sites, it appears that the paper work is unnecessarily cumbersome. It should not take 4 to 5 years to complete action on waste sites such as rubble piles!

We recommend that all three agencies (DOE-SR, EPA and SCDHEC) work closely together to expedite the actual clean-up field work. Specifically we recommend that the three agencies:

- Develop, for the high risk units at the Savannah River Site, an early action framework, consistent with the intent of the FFA and which includes regulatory and stakeholder input, to further significantly shorten the time between initially considering a waste site and commencement of field work to mitigate any hazards.
- Develop screening criteria to identify the lowest risk RCRA/CERCLA sites. Significantly shorten the process for reaching limited or no action remedial decisions for these low risk sites.
- Continue to accelerate the program to determine which Site Evaluation areas require no further action.

Accomplishment of the above would then allow resources to be focused on actually cleaning up the highest risk sites.

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#### **Agency Responses**

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