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Dear Dr. Murray:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 379 – Accelerate Disposition of Legacy Transuranic Radioactive (TRU) Waste at the Savannah River Site (your letter, dated May 16, 2023)

Thank you for your recommendation on legacy TRU waste disposition strategy. The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) partially accepts this recommendation and provides the following responses:

**CAB Recommendation:**

*1. Accelerate the disposition of the remaining legacy TRU waste to 2027 from 2030.*

DOE-SR partially accepts this sub-recommendation. We believe that accelerating the disposition timeline from 2030 to 2027 will be challenging and has unknowns in the areas of the Site's outyear budgets, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) funding and priorities, and SRS receiving adequate annual shipping priorities with other completing sites. With this understanding, DOE-SR cannot commit to the proposed accelerated timeline to complete the disposition of legacy TRU waste in 2027, however we will continue to work with WIPP to identify and support acceleration opportunities as they become available.

*2. Provide the CAB with an annual status update on the disposition of this legacy TRU waste until disposition is completed.*

DOE-SR accepts this sub-recommendation. DOE-SR will work with the Citizens Advisory Board to identify when to present the 2024 annual legacy TRU waste disposition progress update.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Steven Grant, of my staff, at (803) 208-0246.

Sincerely,

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