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Ms. Deborah Creech, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
P.O. Box A
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Dear Ms. Creech:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 383 - Enhancing the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program for Improved Transparency and Just Compensation

Thank you for your recommendation concerning the Savannah River Site (SRS) PILT program. The Department of Energy (DOE) - Savannah River Operations Office (SR) rejects this recommendation and provides the following response.

Shortly after the passage of this recommendation, on October 1, 2024, the responsibility for all landlord functions of the site transferred from DOE - Environmental Management (EM) to the National Nuclear Security Administration. Included in that transfer were the responsibilities for the PILT program. Because that program no longer falls under EM, it would not be appropriate for DOE-SR to accept this recommendation.

The Department thanks you for your recommendation and values the CAB's position on SRS programs and, when possible, factors those opinions into Department decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact me or James Tanner, of my staff, at (803) 646-2167.

Sincerely,

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