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Mr. Harold Simon, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Simon:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation #341 – Process All Aluminum-Clad Spent Fuel in H-Canyon As Soon As Possible, (Your letter, 11/15/16)

Thank you for your recommendation on processing all aluminum-clad spent fuel in H-Canyon as soon as possible at Savannah River Site (SRS).

As previously discussed with the CAB, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is currently processing up to 1000 Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) bundles and 200 High Flux Isotope Reactor cores through H-Canyon. Under the current NEPA documentation, DOE-SR is not authorized to process more SNF than that at this time. The authority to accelerate plans and decisions to process the entire inventory of SNF rests with DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM). As such, DOE EM Headquarters (HQ) is copied on this letter and we will work with HQ as we determine the future SRS Nuclear Material mission.

The Department values the CAB's position on the SRS programs and appreciates the CAB's desire to have a disposition path for all spent nuclear fuel.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Tony Polk at (803) 208-2854.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack R. Craig", is written over a circular stamp.

Jack R. Craig
Savannah River Site Manager

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