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Dear Mrs. Spinelli:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 344 – Prescribed Fires (Your letter, dated 05/24/17)

Thank you for your recommendation on Prescribed Fires. The Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) partially accepts your recommendation. DOE-SR considered both recommendation sub-parts.

CAB Recommendation:

1. *Work with the Forest Service to create a notification system for individuals, businesses, schools, hospitals, media and local government of prescribed burn days that can be shared on social media and the SRS website to alert residents of potential smoke.*

DOE-SR accepts this sub-part. The Forest Service – Savannah River currently contacts potentially affected municipalities and residents (who have requested notifications on the day of a prescribed burn). In addition, the Forest Service – Savannah River will begin using Wild-CAD to notify the community of prescribed burns. Wild-CAD is a geographic information system based computer aided dispatch system on the Forest Service – Savannah River website for people to sign up to be added to the prescribed fire notification mailing list.

2. *Work with the Forest Service to distribute a calendar of prescribed burn days at local community events, including at the SRS CAB meetings.*

DOE-SR does not accept this sub-part. Due to the dynamics and weather dependency of prescribed fires, any planned burn may be cancelled and rescheduled. Therefore, it is not possible to provide an accurate calendar for specific burn days.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Tony Towns, of my staff, at (803) 507-4437.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jack R. Craig", is written over the typed name.

Jack R. Craig
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