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Ms. Ann Loadholt, Chair  
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
P. O. Box 365  
Barnwell, SC 29812

Dear Ms. Loadholt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 102 – Tritium Health Motion

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding continued study of Savannah River Site (SRS) contractor worker health in relation to tritium exposures. The Department of Energy (DOE) appreciates the CAB's interest and shares their concern for understanding any potential impact of site operations on SRS worker health.

Three of the CAB recommendations (1, 2, and 4) express the desire for continuing health effect studies at SRS. DOE Savannah River Operations Office will work with DOE Headquarters (DOE-HQ) Office of Epidemiologic Studies to review the findings of all epidemiologic studies to date, including the study by the Consortium for Risk Evaluation with Stakeholder Participation. DOE-HQ will evaluate the benefit of continued studies of the effects of tritium exposure on the health of workers at SRS. As we are made aware of decisions in this area, we will inform the CAB.

In regards to recommendation 3, SRS has health awareness activities which educate SRS employees and which inform them of findings resulting from health studies. These activities are a proven component of our employee safety and health program and we would be pleased to provide you with a briefing about these activities at your request.

Please contact me or L. P. Singh of my staff at (803) 725-3962, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rudy", is written over a horizontal line.

Greg Rudy  
Manager

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