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Ms. Ann Loadholt
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Dear Ms. Loadholt:

Attached are the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control responses to Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board recommendations # 96, 104, and 106. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Ann Clark at 803-898-3973 or Shelly Sherritt at 803-896-4181.

Sincerely,

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**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 104
FROM THE
SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

In this recommendation the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) was advised to "discuss equity issues concerning South Carolina with SRS stakeholders in March 2000, to review the alternatives and equity issues, and to receive their input". The Department is willing to participate in such a discussion on a mutually acceptable date in March of 2000.

A similar opportunity for discussion was available on August 30, 1995. As part of the public participation associated with the Site Treatment Plan (STP) for the Savannah River Site (SRS), the Department held a public hearing on this date. The Department also made the STP available for public review and comment from July 18, 1995 to August 31, 1995. The STP detailed shipments of mixed waste from other DOE sites proposed for treatment at the Consolidated Incineration Facility (CIF), as well as treatment plans for on-site generated waste. The public hearing and comment period afforded an opportunity for the Department to receive input from the public on all aspects of the proposed plan, including receipt of off-site generated waste at the CIF. No comments were received in opposition to the receipt of waste from other DOE sites. Based on review of the information and the comments received, the Department approved the STP on September 20, 1995. Approval of the STP represents conceptual approval for certain off-site DOE waste streams to be shipped to the CIF for treatment. Before any off-site wastes may actually be treated at the CIF, SRS would have to apply for and receive a modification to the hazardous waste permit for the CIF. Such a modification would involve additional public participation as a part of the decision process.