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Dear Mr. Ormond:

This refers to the copy of the Savannah River Citizen's Advisory Board Recommendation No. 11 that you faxed to my Office. In particular, part 2 of that recommendation requests that the WIPP Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement currently being prepared by the Carlsbad Area Office include an analysis of the environmental impacts at the Savannah River Site if WIPP is not operated.

The new WIPP Supplemental EIS (SEIS-II), will address the environmental impacts of leaving waste at selected generator sites (including Savannah River) under two alternatives. The no-action alternative would examine the impacts of using only existing and planned facilities to manage and treat Savannah River TRU waste. Another alternative would examine the impacts of building a state-of-the-art monitored retrievable storage facility at Savannah River, treating mixed TRU waste to meet Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Land Disposal Restrictions, and storing TRU waste on site for an indefinite period of time.

Sincerely,

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NEPA Compliance Officer