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Dr. Mildred McClain
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Dear Dr. McClain and Mr. Slay:

SUBJECT: Transuranic (TRU) Waste Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)

I am pleased to accept the Citizens Advisory Board's eleventh recommendation regarding TRU waste disposal at WIPP. We agree with the emphasis that the Board places on TRU waste treatment and disposal, and we are working with WIPP to ensure that your concerns are being adequately addressed in the WIPP Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement-II. Our responses to each part of the Board's recommendation are enclosed.

Again, thank you for the Board's recommendations. We look forward to your continued involvement in making the Savannah River Site Waste Management Program successful in meeting the goals of the Site and its stakeholders.

If you have any questions on this response or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact me or William Noll at (803) 725-2219.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Fiori".

Mario P. Fiori
Manager

DC-96-0144

Enclosure:
Responses to CAB TRU
Recommendation

Enclosure: Letter, Fiori to McClain and Slay
dated JAN 05 1996

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)
TRANSURANIC (TRU) WASTE RECOMMENDATION

TRU RECOMMENDATION PART #1:

That after negotiations with the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and following review with the CAB, the schedules for the removal of TRU wastes from the Savannah River Site (SRS) and their burial in the Federal Repository at WIPP be published in future WIPP documents.

RESPONSE:

The National TRU Program Office (NTPO) is developing a national TRU management plan for transporting and disposing of the nation's TRU waste in WIPP prior to its decommissioning in 2033. As SRS develops and implements a TRU waste treatment, characterization, and certification program to meet our Site Treatment Plan schedules, the schedules for shipping TRU waste to WIPP from SRS will be published in the NTPO TRU management plan.

TRU RECOMMENDATION PART #2 and 3:

That the new WIPP Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement-II address not only the environmental issues related to operating WIPP but also those associated with not operating it (i.e., environmental impacts at SRS) and that our concerns be addressed in SEIS-II (i.e., provide a copy of our Motion to the DOE Carlsbad Office(CAO)).

RESPONSE:

We have contacted the CAO, provided them a copy of CAB recommendation #11, and received from them a letter confirming their intention to address this CAB concern in the SEIS-II (see attached letter from CAO).