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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens
Advisory Board
1103 Conger Drive
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Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 121 – Fiscal Year
2001 Budget Deferment of Pu 3013 Stabilization Capability

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding the budget for the Savannah River Site Pu 3013 stabilization capability. The Department of Energy (DOE) appreciates the CAB's interest and shares their concerns about the stabilization of plutonium and its safe storage and compliance with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) 94-1 commitment relative to this activity.

DOE is in process of developing a revision to the 94-1 Implementation Plan to address the remaining commitments to the DNFSB, including the commitment to stabilize and store plutonium to the 3013 standard. This revision will be completed in April 2000. As requested in your Recommendation Number 116, DNFSB 2000-1, we will provide the Nuclear Materials Committee and the CAB a presentation on the new plan and related technical and safety considerations. We will also keep you abreast of funding decisions as they relate to implementation of the plan.

If you have any questions, please call me or Jim Buice at (803) 725-2263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rudy", is written over the typed name.

Greg Rudy
Manager

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cc: C. Huntoon (EM-1), HQ