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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
1103 Conger Drive
Aiken, SC 29803

Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 124 – Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) Canister Storage

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding our evaluation of dry storage manufactured with depleted uranium oxide as an alternative approach to the DWPF canister storage.

Your comments and the Department's responses to them will be included in the scope of the Environmental Assessment currently in progress. We realize that commercial disposition of the dry storage units is uncertain so we will evaluate other options for their disposition. We will communicate to you the results of our evaluation by September 26, 2000, along with the most current comparison between the construction of a Glass Waste Storage Building Number 2 and the alternative in question. We expect that sufficient progress will be made to warrant an update to the Waste Management Committee meeting in July 2000. The Department of Energy will keep the CAB and the public informed giving ample time to listen and resolve comments and concerns prior to making any decisions.

If you have any questions, please call me or Sonitza M. Blanco at (803) 725-6218.

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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