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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
1103 Conger Drive
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Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 127 – Department of Energy (DOE) Rev. 3 Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 94-1/2000-1

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation. DOE shares the CAB's concern with the delays associated with signing an agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for the delivery of low enriched uranium solutions to TVA for use in commercial reactors. Reaching closure has been difficult due to the complexity of the program. We have been informed by the DOE-Headquarters Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, the office that manages this program, that they anticipate signing the agreement soon. We will advise you of their progress. In the interim, the DOE-Headquarters Office of Fissile Materials Disposition intends to authorize design of the project by October 1, 2000. Finalization of the agreement is not required prior to this authorization. Commencement of design activities is a critical path activity and will support meeting the DOE commitments to the DNFSB. We will be happy to update the CAB on the status of this program on September 25th.

We appreciate your continued focus on Savannah River Site activities. If you have any questions, please call me or Jay Ray at (803) 952-4608.

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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