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Ms. Karen Patterson 1103 Conger Drive Aiken, SC 29803

Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 132 - Release of Radioactive Scrap Materials

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding the release of radioactive scrap metals.

The Department of Energy (DOE) Order 5400.5, "Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment" is being revised to include criteria for controlling the unrestricted release of material from radiological areas, specifically scrap metal, into commerce for the purpose of recycling or reuse. DOE Headquarters (HQ) has indicated the final Order will be issued in December. Upon issuance of the final Order, DOE Savannah River Operations Office will develop a plan to implement the Order. We will involve the Savannah River Site CAB in the development of its public participation program for the release of radioactive property and scrap metal. Recommendations #3-5 have been forwarded to DOE-HQ.

If you have any questions, please call me or Ben Gould at (803) 725-3969.

Sincerely,

Greg Rudy Manager

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