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

Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 143 - Operating Strategy Studies for the Solid Waste System Plan

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding continued investigation of Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) disposal strategies and costs.

We appreciate the CAB's continued interest and involvement in the Savannah River Site's LLW Program and will continue to keep you informed of our progress to ensure that we cost-effectively dispose of LLW in a manner that protects human health and the environment. We will utilize the recommendations you have provided us as we move forward in developing our operation and closure strategies for the management of all of our waste streams to support the Solid Waste System Plan. We will also use your input to ensure that we look at the entire life cycle of our LLW disposal activities including the long-term impacts to human health and the environment.

We will provide you with reports of our progress through the CAB's Waste Management Committee with the first update prior to March 22, 2002. If you have any question, please call me or Virgil Saul at (803) 725-4505.

Sincerely,

Greg Rudy Manager

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